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Who's Who and What's What

The Union Signal says that when the U. S. A. decided to build the Panama Canal, it first adopted prohibition in that area.

And don't forget that next Sunday, April 30, is Missionary Day in Sunday school and church. "They shall not appear before the Lord empty," Deut. 16:16.

A city-wide evangelistic campaign is being conducted this week in Waco, Texas. Pastor J. B. Middleton of Clinton is preaching at Seventh St. Church.

Reports come of great revivals among evangelicals in Russian Poland, where Christians have undergone great persecution since the Russian invasion.

The Alabama Baptist reports that Rev. Reed Polk of Port Gibson, Miss., has been called to the church at Heflin, Alabama. We should be sorry to lose brother Polk from Mississippi.

Mr. P. I. Lipsey, Jr., whose articles in the Baptist Record about conditions in Europe, has bought a farm east of Summit, Miss., and after April first will be located on it. He proposes to do some literary work on this quiet spot. We are glad to have him in Mississippi.

The last of the present series of Baptist radio talks provided over the south-wide network by the Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be heard Sunday afternoon. Dr. W. W. Hamilton will speak on the "Life of Victory." You may be sure it will be one of the very best.

Values are not always measured by size or length. Jesus' ministry extended over only three years. The words of His which remain to us could be put in one issue of this paper. And yet what He said is the rule for all right living in this world and the way to life in the world to come.

One of the best signs that our Christian colleges and Seminaries are fulfilling their mission is the fact that many students in these schools are not only volunteering for Christian service and dedicating their lives to God, but the fact that they are while in school actually doing Christian mission work in neglected places. The Lord be praised.

Governor Phillips of Oklahoma told the legislature of that state: "I certainly do not recommend the enactment of a repeal clause to our constitution. It is neither good business nor good government to take a million or slightly more in revenue from liquor and then have to spend three times that much on law enforcement, enlargement of penitentiaries to say nothing of the broken lives that would be incident to legalizing intoxicating liquors in Oklahoma."

Dr. George B. Cutten, president of Colgate University, says: "Everything I am trying to build up as an educationalist, alcoholic drinking tends to tear down. Am I trying to develop young men mentally? Alcohol destroys mentality. Am I trying to build up young men morally? Alcohol is a potent cause of crime and immorality. Am I trying to stabilize young men's emotional control? Alcohol unbalances the judgment and disorganizes the emotions. The natural results of a college education and of consuming beverage alcohol are represented by divergently opposite poles."—Ex.

Rev. Leo Eddleman, missionary to Palestine recently led in a youth revival in Emmanuel Church, Alexandria, La.

The first week in April Evangelist Joe Canzoneri will be with Pastor Joel W. Sturdivant in a meeting at Merigold. Prayer is requested.

Twenty-one Baptist churches in Winston-Salem, N. C., cooperated in an evangelistic campaign under direction of Dr. R. Q. Leavell of the Home Board.

It is said that Texas Baptists have elected Dr. E. D. Head as mission secretary to succeed Dr. R. C. Campbell. He is a native of Louisiana and alumnus of Baylor University.

A two weeks campaign of evangelism is planned for First Church, Shreveport March 30-April 13. The first week is in the hands of the young people led by Bill Marshall of Texas. The pastor, Dr. M. E. Dodd preaches the second week.

Dr. M. O. Patterson of Mississippi College will preach the dedication sermon March 30 for the Barefoot Springs Church in Rankin County. Dinner will be served at the church and Pastor J. P. Bush will preach in the afternoon.

First Church, Shreveport, was organized in 1845, the year in which the Southern Baptist Convention began its work. The first pastor was Rev. John Bryce. The first deacon was Mr. Jesse Fulgham. There are now twelve Baptist churches in the city.

Winona Church voted to add a six room brick annex to the church building. This will provide space for a primary department, two adult classes, a kitchen, a nursery room and an extra class room for intermediates. Pastor J. B. Flowers is leading the church in a worthy program.

During the meeting of the Louisiana W. M. U. Convention at First Church, New Orleans, the women who have attended the W. M. U. Training School in New Orleans, the Southwestern Seminary and the Bible Institute had supper together at the Baptist Bible Institute dining hall, March 27.

Sunday, March 30 is Home Coming Day with the Baptist and Methodist churches of Harperville. All former pastors, former and present members and former residents of Harperville are invited. A good program will include sermon in the morning by Rev. R. H. Clegg, former pastor of the Methodist Church and Rev. W. L. Meadows former pastor of the Baptist Church.—Sollie I. Smith.

I came into my study early this morning to take up my regular routine of study, and while I was meditating there came a picture into my mind that I was not able to get away from. This picture was one of God's prophets of more than fifty years in service. His eyesight was dim, his voice weak, his hands trembling, and his steps were short. He lives now on a small farm without horsepower or anything other than his hoe. But with this hoe, last year he cultivated his patches of corn, potatoes, and a garden. He is trying to support his wife and daughter with very little income. We preachers of this generation have fallen heir to the fruits of this prophet's labor. Now he is in great need of the necessities of life. There are many others in the same condition that this brother is in. May I appeal to every preacher in the state of Mississippi to lead his church in making a worthy offering to this great and worthy cause the first Sunday in April.—R. K. Corder.

This week Secretary McCall is helping Pastor F. M. Purser in a revival meeting in Oxford.

Annual meeting of the Alumni of the Southern Seminary will be held in Birmingham, May 15 at 5:30 p. m.

Bacone College for Indians, a Baptist school in Oklahoma recently received a gift of \$44,000 for a chapel building.

Rev. Patrick Henry was ordained to the ministry March 3, 1941 by Hunter Memorial Church, Mobile, Alabama.

Furman University in South Carolina has 1052 students from 25 states, the District of Columbia and one foreign country.

Mrs. E. F. Lyon, Secretary of the Texas W. M. U. will be a visitor at the Mississippi W. M. U. Convention in McComb, April 1-3.

Evangelist Barney Walker of Clinton is this week in a meeting near Hattiesburg. Next week he goes to Los Cruces, New Mexico.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling will be with Dr. Ryland Knight in a meeting in Second-Ponce De Leon Church, Atlanta, April 16-23.

Dr. M. O. Patterson of Mississippi College supplied the pulpit of the Ackerman church Sunday. These people look for their new pastor brother Van Hardin next Sunday.

It is said that a radio station operated by Protestant missionaries in Ecuador reaches 90,000,000 Spanish speaking people. The head of it is a converted priest.

The Watchman Examiner says that Southern Baptists and their organizations are prospering, and this prosperity is largely due to the increased circulation of the Baptist papers.

It is said that Virginia Baptists will close Blue Ridge Mountain School after this session. It always gives us inward pain when we hear of Baptists closing schools.

The Watchman-Examiner reports that there has been organized in New York "the Church of Aphrodite." We have in Mississippi an institution for feeble minded people, but we don't call it by any such high sounding name.

Dr. W. B. Riley resigns the care of First Church, Minneapolis, after forty-four years of service. He will probably have plenty to do as he is head of a training school and holds meetings all over America.

Ponca City, Okla.: Just closed greatest meeting in my ministry. Crowds packed and overran the church. 242 professions and additions. Hyman Appleman was the preacher with Carl Kosanke leading the singing.

A young Episcopal minister wired his bishop asking whether it would be proper for him to conduct a funeral service for a Baptist. We do not begin to believe it, but it is said that the bishop wired back: "Bury all Baptists possible."—Watchman-Examiner.

First Church, Brookhaven: We had a great service for men in the morning. The main floor was full, and a large overflow occupied the balconies. The evening congregation was unusually large also. There were four additions to the church.—S. H. Jones, Pastor.

Van Winkle Church, Jackson, paid off notes last week amounting to \$700.00, removing the debt from the present building. This was raised in the last four months over and above the regular budget. The people are happy over it. Plans are being made for a new auditorium which we hope to start soon.—Reporter.

Sparks and Splinters

It was necessary for Dr. J. B. Lawrence to spend a while in Florida to recuperate from an attack of influenza.

James B. Leavell III arrived in the pastor's home in Leland March ninth. May he follow in the train of his noble sires.

Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., had religious emphasis week beginning March 16 with half a dozen different speakers.

Pastor S. H. Jones will have Dr. E. F. Haight of the Baptist Bible Institute to help him in a revival meeting beginning April 13.

When you hear of a church losing its pastor, pray for them that the Lord will help them before the politicians get in their work.

Dr. J. R. Stodgill of Tunica, Miss., 84, recently sent his fifty-third annual subscription to the Alabama Baptist. Here's hoping he is strong at 100.

Here's a record worth noting: First Church, San Antonio, Texas, has a church library from which 675 books were drawn out to be read in the past year.

Some of the Mississippi pastors were missed in the State Evangelistic Conference at Clinton last week, having gone to the conference at the Louisville Seminary.

Evangelist Hyman Appelman says that the recent meeting with Pastor Crittenden in Ponca City, Okla., is the greatest in his experience. There were 242 conversions.

Dr. Daniel Poling of Philadelphia is preacher for the Northern Baptist Convention when it meets at Wichita, Kansas, in May. Dr. Gordon Palmer of Eastern Seminary is alternate.

Our sympathy is with Mr. Robt. H. Coleman of Dallas, Texas, in the loss of his wife. She has been an invalid for six years. The Baptist Standard pays her a worthy and beautiful tribute.

The editor of the Illinois Baptist passes on the report that the airplane which crashed near Atlanta some weeks ago got into trouble from flying too low, and suggests that this is the cause of failure in many Christian lives—flying too low.

Judson College of Marion, Ala., is to have a new president April 15. Dr. Leroy R. Priest has been elected by the Board of Trustees to succeed Dr. L. G. Cleverdon who recently resigned. Dr. Priest is highly spoken of by Dr. Gwaltney, editor of the Alabama Baptist. He is an alumnus of Howard College and of the Southern Seminary and has held prominent pastorates in Alabama.

Dr. Norris Gilliam who has been five years pastor of the church at Springfield, Tenn., becomes Director of Promotion for Tennessee Baptists. He will work jointly with the State Board and the Baptist and Reflector, succeeding Rev. Don Norman in the latter office. He was born in Texas, educated at Union University, and the Southwestern Seminary. He has held important pastorates in Tennessee, West Virginia and Oklahoma.

You may lay a steel needle down lengthwise on water so that it will float. But if you put it end foremost it will not. So faith when it takes the long look will be sustained, but if it looks only at the moment it will fail. David when he was in trouble said, "O my God, my soul is cast down within me. Therefore do I remember thee from the land of the Jordan, and the Hermons, from the hill Mizar." It is well to look back, to look ahead.

The Governor of Arkansas says, "No man ever made or gains anything of permanent value through gambling. More is paid out in additional expenses to prisons and hospitals and for nervous diseases than was ever collected in taxes on liquor." Fine phrases and true. The governor has a good opportunity to do something about it in Arkansas, and we hope he will. But some of us are getting fed up on pious language by men in high places who fail to put their words into effect by proper legislation.

First Church of Charlottesville, Va., celebrated recently the twelfth anniversary of Pastor Henry Alford Porter, the longest in the 110 years history of the church.

Brother Huey Honea, clerk of Spring Hill Church, writes that five deacons are to be ordained April 6, at 2:30 p. m. All pastors and deacons in Copiah Association are invited to take part.

Pastor Silas B. Cooper will have Rev. A. B. Pierce with him in a stewardship revival at Calvary Church, Tupelo, in April. Also he will have Dr. R. Q. Leavell, Superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Board with him in a revival meeting in June.

Dr. Eli Callahan has been called for full time at Lee's Creek Church, a large rural church near Bogalusa, La., where there are some mighty fine people. This will necessitate his giving up his work at Bethel Church (Buck Branch) in Pearl River County.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton was recently in a good meeting in the University Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma, which closed with a great dedication service in which a large number of students in Oklahoma Baptist University gave themselves to God for Christian service.

Mission Secretary E. Goodbold in Missouri says that some churches in that state have been prevented from adopting the pastors' retirement plan, by the opposition of one man, or in some cases two men. We have sometimes met Diotrephe who would not let a church put the Baptist Record in the budget.

The church house at Learned was discovered to be on fire a month ago just after Pastor W. L. Howse had begun the morning service. The people went to work to put out the fire which was in the roof. After the flames were extinguished the congregation reassembled and appointed a committee to repair the damage. By the time for the next service the repairs were finished, all paid for and the committee had money left over for other improvements.

Brother Henry L. Byrd is already at work at Union Church, Fayette and Pleasant Hill. The people have given him and his wife a great reception, not overlooking the pantry. Congregations good and interest fine. There were four additions to Fayette Church March 16. The revival meeting begins here the third Sunday in June; at Union Church the second Sunday in July; at Pleasant Hill the second Sunday in August. Pray with them for a great victory.

Dr. Everett Gill, for over thirty years Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Secretary to Europe, gave a series of four lectures on "The Protestants of the East" to the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth. While serving as missionary to Italy and secretary in continental Europe Dr. Gill collected the material which he will soon publish in book form telling the history of the Protestants of the Balkan countries prior to the time of the Reformation.—H.

The spring session of the Attala County Baptist Association will meet at McAdams, Sunday, March 30th. The program starts at 10:00 a. m. and continues until 3:00 p. m. Feature speakers will include Dr. P. L. Lipsey of Clinton and Dr. W. E. Green of Ellisville. Special emphasis of the entire program will be given to Evangelism. Each church should send ten messengers at least. During the Fellowship Hour from 12:00 until 1:15 refreshments will be served on the grounds. Since a large crowd is anticipated, your committee on arrangements suggests that those attending cooperate in providing the lunch.

One of the queerest things in the world of recent events is the nonchalance with which Hitler crooks his finger and the high officials of other nations come bending the knee to him at Berlin or Berchtesgaden. Now comes the foreign minister of Japan across the continent of Asia and a good portion of Europe to hear what Hitler has to say to him and what he must do to fulfill his role as a partner in the axis. It reminds one of the story of the Jew who having nothing to pay his creditors offered them his "poor body." One of the creditors said, "Please, when your body is divided, just give me your gall."

Pastorial Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"Employment Agent"

Dozens of times every year for the past twenty years I have been besought by deserving people to aid them in finding employment. We have spent a great deal of time listening with burdened heart to the appeal of those who had no job or deserved or needed one with a better salary. Occasionally we have been able to help. On the average, however, we have had ten appeals to where there was one chance to be of service. It seems to be one of those things about which we cannot, as a rule, do a great deal but about which we yearn to do much.

This is something comparatively new in ministerial experience. There has been some of it for half a century but it has had nothing like the pressure of the last fifteen years.

One of the joys of getting to Heaven is that everybody will have the job there in which they will be happy. In the meantime, we have got to make the best of it here. A good job is a blessed thing to a worthy soul.

Our members can help. If they will notify the pastor if they know of something that is going to be available in the way of employment, he, a great part of the time, knows someone in need of work and who is competent to fill the place.

We Christians owe it to the Lord and each other to try to help those who are unemployed to find satisfactory employment.

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Some of our subscribers have written to say that they get two copies of the Record. If one is a "marked copy," it is sent by Mr. Fr. Skilton in the interest of the "Now Club." Use it to help the cause. These will continue possibly three months.

The bi-monthly meeting of Yalobusha County Sunday School Conference was held at Water Valley March 14. There were discussions of training work, Vacation Bible schools, plans and goals for 1941. Some volunteered to teach training courses in churches that otherwise would have none. Next meeting is Friday evening before third Sunday in May, at Coffeeville. Chaplain N. B. Saucier is county superintendent of Sunday school work.—Mrs. C. C. P.

The Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, was host last week to the Spring Board meeting of the W. M. U. of Texas and to the Annual House Party of the Y. W. A. A feature of the latter program was the presentation by the dramatics class of the Seminary under the direction of Miss Floy Barnard of the missionary play, "Ba Thane." Over two hundred women and girls were present for the four day conference.—H.

Recently in speaking of souvenirs given the editors at their meeting in Hot Springs we spoke of the vessels made of Bentonite clay as found only in Arkansas. Mr. Wm. G. Walter of Morton writes us that there is a mine of this kind of clay in Smith County from which clay is shipped through Morton to the plant in Jackson. Clay is said to be shipped to Jackson from Amory. The plant in Jackson is said to be one of two in the United States. We suggest that this company might do well to advertise in The Baptist Record.

Dr. O. T. Binkley, head of the Department of Religion, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., will conduct a Spiritual Emphasis Week at the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, March 24-28. This revival effort has been planned jointly by the faculty and Student Council and is the first of its kind to be held in recent years. Dr. Binkley, a graduate of Wake Forest and the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, has been well known as the pastor of the University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and as a speaker at Ridgecrest Baptist Assemblies.—H.

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Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference

Clinton, March 17-20, 1941

Dr. B. B. McKinney, who had charge of all the music for the Conference, led in the singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing" and the Statewide Evangelistic Conference was opened in the church at Clinton on March 17 at one-thirty o'clock.

Nearly one hundred preachers and laymen were present in the opening session and joined heartily in singing a number of familiar songs. Brother Fred Scholfield sang to the inspiration of "My Heavenly Father Knows" and brother H. T. Brookshire led in prayer.

Brother E. D. Estes, one of our state evangelists, gave a brief testimony based on "Looking on the Field" which was a recounting of some things accomplished in his field, which showed the harvest is ripe.

Our own "Scotchie" McCall no doubt added fuel to the evangelistic fires in the hearts of us all in speaking on "Let Evangelism Flame" and these fires will burn henceforth brighter.

The county is the unit in the evangelistic effort as well as other phases of our work in the state and brother C. E. Patch presented a mimeographed outline of a county-wide campaign that is being planned in Prentiss County and his discussion of it proved helpful.

Dr. R. Q. Leavell in the first of his series of seven messages, in this session spoke on "God Bless America." The condition prevailing in America from a social, moral, political and spiritual point of view was described which is such as to render it ineffective to pray God's blessings upon us as a nation. The condition pictured is such as to be revolting but only too true. Our only hope, Dr. Leavell pointed out, lies in a revival that will come through the evangelistic efforts now being put forth. God bless America by sending us this great revival was the closing prayer.

The series of three messages by brother L. G. Gates, the first of which was delivered at the close of this session, was based upon the Prophecy of Malachi. "Meet the Prophet" was the subject of the one at this time and it was shown in the unique way characteristic of brother Gates that the people of the prophet's day were very similar to those in our day.

First Day—Evening Session

The number attending the Conference had largely increased over that of the afternoon and the spacious auditorium of the church was well filled at the opening of this second session.

Dr. Frederick W. Smith led the audience to the throne of grace in an earnest prayer following the singing of a number of familiar songs.

A solo was sung by brother Bill Nason. The Testimony Message, featuring each session of the Conference, in this one was rendered by brother W. C. Wood of Crosby. Brother Wood recited a number of instances in his ministry in which he had been used of the Lord to bring men to salvation. Brother B. W. Walker, an evangelist in the state, stirred the hearts of all in discussing, "The Captain of Our Salvation." "It became him for whom are all things and by whom are all things in bringing many sons to glory through suffering to become the captain of their salvation."

It was an impassioned plea to recognize the authority of Christ and to be loyal to him in the task to which he has assigned us, that of bringing the lost to Him.

In the second of his message Dr. Leavell said: "Jesus has placed the church right in the heart of his kingdom program of bringing the world to Himself." It was shown what constitutes the

kingdom as set out in the gospel of Matthew. Three things were emphasized by Dr. Leavell that pertain to the pastor as the leader of the church. First his problems; second, his passion; third his program. A yearly program was outlined, from the carrying out of which, a perennial revival will result.

Second Day—Morning Session

In their social contacts the brethren of the Conference found the radiators in the buildings most attractive due to wintry weather that struck on yesterday bringing the thermometer down near to the freezing point. But notwithstanding they are here in increasing numbers with songs of praise in their hearts, evidenced in the way they join in the opening of the song service of the day under brother McKinney's deeply spiritual leadership.

The real feeling of the early morning assembly was expressed in a solo brought by brother J. L. Morgan: "Holy Spirit Breathe On Me." Dr. W. W. Hamilton led in prayer.

The Testimony Message of this session was brought by brother O. P. Estes which magnified the power of Jesus to save as evidenced in the cases that had come under his ministry. In his message at this time Dr. Leavell said there are four questions that every preacher should ask himself:

1. How much do I care?
2. How sincere is my prayer?
3. How much of Christ do I have in my experience to share?
4. How far will I dare?

The address was on the discipline of the pastor in soul-winning. This discipline was pointed out as strikingly exemplified in the life of the Apostle Paul. Paul was:

- (1) Fearless, (2) Considerate, (3) Compassionate, and (4) Character that was blameless.

The first of five messages by Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Baptist Bible Institute and President of the Southern Baptist Convention was at this time. A plain simple yet a splendid message was brought on "The Purpose of a Revival." Dr. Hamilton defined a revival as a reawakening of those who are already saved. Applicable therefore only to Christians.

Several things were emphasized as essential to a revival: (1) A coming of God's people to a consciousness of their own responsibility; (2) A realization of God's justice, majesty and holiness, (3) A new realization of the sinfulness of sin; (4) A consciousness of the necessity of the new birth; (5) A new experience of the joy of salvation; and (6) A feeling of responsibility for the lost.

The feature of this session was the closing message by Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Church in Memphis on "The Transfiguration." In the description of this experience of Jesus while on earth, given, as only Dr. Lee can, a number of things were pointed out: (1) Jesus taketh. Fine thing to be in company with the great of earth, surpassingly so to be with Jesus; (2) The Transfiguration scene, in which there was talking, taking, testimony and touching with Jesus. The preachers were exhorted to go back from this Conference, likened unto a "transfiguration mount," having during these days been associated with Christ, to more faithfully witness for Him.

Second Day—Afternoon Session

The song service of this session was featured by a solo "Roll Billows Roll" by brother Fred Scholfield. The song was written by his uncle.

In the Testimony period brother J. D. Franks,

in lieu of brother W. D. Cole who was absent, spoke interestingly of a recent meeting held in the Columbus church by the Taylor brothers. A testimony was also given by brother J. M. Metts.

Brother Gates spoke in his second message at this time on "Hearing the Old Prophet," referring to Malachi, having spoken yesterday on "Seeing the Old Prophet."

Emphasis was laid on those things which should characterize those who are in position of leadership. Certainly it was calculated to produce some heartsearching since the pastors are the spiritual leaders.

Brother Leavell brought a practical message on "Receiving and Enlisting New Converts."

The message was in the nature of a roundtable discussion. Some ways for enlisting young converts were called for and considered which made it not only interesting but a timely consideration. Surely a need next in importance to that of leading them to Christ is the enlisting and training in service.

Second Day—Evening Session

The song service was greatly augmented with a solo by brother W. W. Grafton and prayer was led by J. H. Pennebaker.

"How a Revival Comes" was the topic of Dr. Hamilton's message at this time. The day of Pentecost was the birth day of the Holy Spirit and in this respect there was never to be another Pentecost but there needs to be and there will be the Pentecostal blessings. The blessings came at Pentecost through a small group who were right with God: (2) This small group who had seen something of the need and cost of salvation; (3) They had a sense of their responsibility; (4) They prayed; (5) They confessed their sin; (6) They testified. Wherever a group is found with these characteristics the blessings will come upon them in a Pentecostal way emphasized Dr. Hamilton.

Dr. R. G. Lee brought another impassioned message on the "Centrality of the Cross." It was a picturing of sin in all of its heinousness and fearfulness and a declaration of the cross as the only remedy. An earnest plea to the preachers present to preach the cross with deeper earnestness as the supreme need of a world cursed by sin.

Third Day—Morning Session

The black wintry clouds of yesterday had given way to a clear sky and beautiful sunshine greeted the Conference attendants.

Dr. R. G. Lee addressed the students of Mississippi College at their chapel exercises and as might have been expected the Conference opened with the "bakers dozen" plus one but it was not long before the seats were filled and the day's program was on.

The one to give the "Testimony" of this session being absent more time was given to the song and prayer period which seemed well. It made a fine introduction to Dr. Hamilton's address which followed on "Our Greatest Revival Asset." This greatest asset, declared Dr. Hamilton is prayer. Further, it was asserted that the greatest contribution that any worker can make to a revival is prayer.

Four reasons were assigned as to why this is true: First, It is open to all; second, It enlists the best that is in us—intellect, emotions, and will; Third, It connects with the powerhouse of God; Fourth, It is equal to any emergency. Prayer is a costly thing and there is no substitute, it was emphasized.

"Evangelism and Prayer" was Dr. Leavell's subject at this time, continuing the discussing of the Lord's program begun yesterday as outlined in Matthew's gospel for the promotion of His kingdom. In this program the Lord has put the church at the center and the pastor as the leader in the church, declared Dr. Leavell. Further, it was emphasized that prayer is to play a large part in the effort of the church to make disciples. Many obstacles are to be encountered in this great evangelistic program and these hindrances are to be overcome in the exercise of the great privilege of prayer.

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EDITORIALS

THE BURDEN OF THE LORD

In some respects at least Isaiah was and is the greatest of all the prophets. He had an experience with God of which we are told in the sixth chapter of his prophecy, which changed his whole life and ministry. It was this vision of God which gave him his mission and enabled him to feel the weight of it on his heart and soul.

From this on his messages generally began with the words "The Burden." Thus when he prophesied concerning Babylon, or Egypt, or Moab, or Damascus, he began with the words "The Burden of Egypt," etc. The word of the Lord and the mission placed on him lay on his heart as a weight; it pressed him down with the sense of overwhelming responsibility. He went forth to the discharge of his mission feeling the inescapable weight of God's message on his shoulders.

As we have listened to preachers of late we could not avoid estimating from their manner how seriously they took their task. They are speaking for God; they are ambassadors for Christ; they are the mouthpiece of the Most High; they are to interpret the will of God for men and to men. The destiny of souls hangs on their words.

Isaiah was proclaiming the doom of nations. They would rise or fall according to his words. They would continue or vanish from the world according as they harkened or not to his word. It was a crushing responsibility. Any man who does not feel the weight of such a mission is unfit for it.

No man who is fit to preach can go into the pulpit with a light heart or careless spirit. Levity and jocularity will give place to deep seriousness. He will not be tempted to "make a speech." His business is to deliver a message, a message from God to dying men. It will take out of him all the storm and fury which mars so much preaching. He will get down to the business of warning, of witnessing, of serious instruction, of earnest exhortation and persuasion. He is not apt to be dramatic or sensational. His business is serious and his method will be simple, sincere, straightforward, direct and personal. Our one business is to bring the will of God to bear upon men. We need the Spirit which was upon Isaiah, upon Elijah, upon John the Baptist for the kingdom of God is at hand.

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PEACE, LOVE, FAITH, GRACE

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Paul closed his Letter to The Ephesians with a benediction: "Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and of the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruption."

A benediction is a prayer; it is prayer with the confident expectation that the blessing will be given. The confidence is so strong that the blessing is pronounced upon the objects of the prayer as if already conferred. It is conferred in answer to prayer as if bestowed through the one who prays.

The prayer is addressed to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ and the blessing comes from them jointly. The people who say we should not pray to Jesus haven't read their Bibles. Since the coming of Jesus we know that God works with Him and through Him to bless His people.

The blessing pronounced here first is peace and then love. And Paul says these come "with faith." They accompany faith and are the consequences of it. In the fifth chapter of Romans Paul shows that peace results from faith. Faith is everywhere represented as the procuring cause and the condition for the existence of love and peace. Jesus seeks to still the fears of his disciples by saying "Believe in God; believe also in me." And Peter in his second epistle represents faith as the source of supply: "In your faith supply courage . . . love." The things that accompany salvation are procured in the same way as

is salvation by faith, by the act of believing. They are not arbitrarily bestowed on us without our exercise of faith.

The peace spoken of here is the quiet restfulness of soul which comes as a result of reconciliation with God. It is peace with God and peace of heart. It is a state of mind which makes possible the development of all the subsequent benefits of the gospel.

Love is the upspringing of conscious and joyful fellowship with God. It is the response of an awakened soul to the Love of God. It is that which makes us cleave to Him and gives us desire for close and constant fellowship with Him. Companionship with Him becomes a delight and separation from him a distress. It also binds together those who are in fellowship with God. Paul prays for this.

And then he closes with the petition: Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruption. This is the love spoken of above. To those who have it the grace can be given. Grace is the active favor of God which finds expression in every form of helpfulness to His people. God's interest in His people finds practical expression in meeting our every need. Every sort of need. It expands more and more as we allow it full sway in us. It is especially active as our love to God grows, and as our love to men increases.

This love is said to be incorruptible or "incorruption." That is it is not the sort of love that is mixed with selfishness or any earthly element. It is the sort of love which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit given to us. It does not change. It does not weaken with the years; it grows stronger as the years go by and as the ages come and go. It "never fails."

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CLINTON PASTOR RESIGNS

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Pastor J. B. Middleton offered his resignation as pastor of the church at Clinton, and it was accepted with deep and sincere regret. He was called some two weeks ago to First Church of San Angelo, Texas, and one week ago indicated his acceptance. After preaching Sunday to the congregation at Clinton, he read to the people his resignation and retired, asking Prof. M. Latimer to preside at the conference.

Dr. D. M. Nelson, President of Mississippi College made the motion to accept it, stating he was doing what nobody wished to do, but accepting the pastor's conviction that the Lord had called him elsewhere. He paid a high tribute to brother Middleton who had served for nearly five years. Mr. O. R. Johnson seconded the motion in the same spirit and the congregation voted reluctantly to accept the resignation.

Brother Middleton finished his work at Mississippi College some eight or ten years ago. He also was graduated from the Louisville Seminary, where he took postgraduate work. It was while he was in Mississippi College that he surrendered his life to the Lord, and yielded to the call to the ministry. He came back to Clinton as a young man and was received with open arms.

His work here has been characterized by evangelistic fervor. He is genuinely interested in people and they gladly follow his leadership. There is no more important or responsible pastorate in Mississippi, and he has filled it with acceptance. He has done much evangelistic work at the same time.

His friends in Mississippi commend him with all their hearts to the brethren in Texas among whom he labors. He begins his work in San Angelo April 13.

The people of Clinton hold his wife in the deepest affection and appreciation. She has the graces which fit her to adorn any pastor's home, and prove a helpmate in all the work of a preacher's task. She will be remembered always for her charm of person and helpful ministrations.

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Dr. G. W. Strother will speak at Pearson Church next Sunday evening. This church is only a few miles east of Jackson. He has been for several years a missionary in China.

OUR EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

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A detailed report of the Conference written by brother Walton Lee will be found in another part of the paper. You will read it with interest and profit. We give here a brief estimate of its value to us all.

It is evident that the brethren are getting in these conferences the sort of help that they feel they need for themselves and their work. This is shown by the growing attendance. For three years the number of pastors and other workers has increased. This year there were about four hundred who registered and were assigned homes. There were of course many who did not register, but who came to one or several of the meetings. At some of the services the main floor and galleries were filled to capacity, and there was no service that was not well attended. Even the last session on Thursday morning saw a good company of men and women present, and they were well repaid for staying to the last.

One feature of the program provided for testimonies by various pastors within the state, and these were exceedingly stimulating and helpful. Some of our laymen were appointed to preside at the meetings and they did it as well as anybody could. Various leaders of song were present and contributed to the joy and inspiration of the meeting. Hillman College quartet was called on and rendered good service.

The conduct of the song services was in the hands of Mr. B. B. McKinney who is never more at home, and never more helpful than when he is leading the congregation in worshipful singing. He doesn't get nervous and holler at people; he doesn't jump up and down. He knows the Lord and knows a good song. His selections are always fit and a genuine contribution to the work of evangelism. He has written many songs and knows what singing is for. We are all glad that the Sunday School Board through him is contributing to the improvement of our church worship. He gave us a good talk on the use of song in saving souls.

Of all the Conferences we have had we believe this was the most constructive. We may not have had this year high hours of spiritual exaltation as last year, but there was more substantial information about doing the Lord's work. No man, it seems to us could surpass Hyman Appelman who last year lifted us to spiritual heights. But this year the speakers were men who are all men versed in the art of personal, pastoral and perennial soul winning. And they went over the ground with us in a way that left definite plans for work, and showed the way to do the work of evangelism and enlist others in doing it. No pastor who took seriously to heart what was said but will be able henceforth to make his church a soul saving institution. We have never heard in the same length of time so many practical addresses.

All the speakers, each in his own way, fitted into the program and made it a unit of helpfulness. The out of state speakers were Drs. Roland Q. Leavell of the Home Board; Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the Baptist Bible Institute; Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellvue Church, Memphis, one of the greatest gospel preachers in America. We are not making any comparisons for there is no need. They differed only as one member of the body differs from another. They each filled his own place as nobody else could. How we thank God for men like these whom God gave to Southern Baptists for a day like this.

Dr. L. G. Gates of Laurel spoke three times on Malachi. And he proved that Malachi is a prophet for our day and for all time. Brother Gates is a specialist in this line and drew upon a rich experience of years to make clear the application of the prophet's message. We know of none so well qualified to teach the message of Malachi.

The Lord gave us a great meeting and many went away with the prayer and purpose in their hearts to do more for the Lord and for lost souls.

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On March 19 Brookhaven Church ordained Mr. V. O. Lovell as deacon.

Thursday, March 27, 1941

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A LAYMAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS PASTORS' CONFERENCE

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My heart has been broken, along with other laymen and pastors. What a great God we have! It is my prayer that we will all go back to our fields with a new determination to be more fully surrendered in the service of the Lord. Let us reconsecrate our lives, and rededicate our lives to the service of the Master. Let us who have had this unusual experience first closet ourselves with our Master, praying to be cleansed from the hindrances in our lives. Then go forth to lead, remembering the followers never rise above their leaders. God's blessing upon you all. May this be the beginning of a great Christian revival.

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MEET EVANGELIST AUBERT DUNN

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He is different. He pulls no punches. His messages are unique, powerful, pointed and Spirit directed. His work in a community is constructive, leaving the people more devoted to the Lord, the church and the pastor. He does not resort to contortionist stunts, tricks or cheap methods, but conducts a program of evangelism on a high plain endorsed by the Spirit of God. He leaves the matter of the finances entirely with the Christian people and majors on lifting Christ up before his audience.

Yes, after having the privilege of having Aubert Dunn with us in a community revival at Terry, I can willingly, gladly and enthusiastically recommend this man of God to any pastor and community interested in lifting the spiritual temperature.

The fifteen years as a lawyer, district attorney and congressman, enables Aubert Dunn to know human nature as few men among us know it. His greatest joy is not in relating the experiences of the court room, but in testifying of the Grace of God, which is so real to him. With the fire burning brightly on the altar of his soul and with the native gift of oratory dedicated to the Lord, we have in him an evangelist worth hearing.

Terry received a great blessing by having Aubert Dunn in a week's meeting. Baptists of Mississippi, keep this man busy. His address is 1433 Gambrell Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Cordially yours,
Carey Cox.

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Evangelist E. D. Estes will lead the revival in Bissell church, March 30-April 14.

We shall not be able to die entirely satisfied until we see the Convention Board in Mississippi make an independent study of the needs in our state with a view of planning to meet the needs, rather than have various applicants for aid come annually to pull the Board's leg and ask for appropriations. Why should a board, any mission board not take the initiative in mission work and not hold a grab bag for various applicants to snatch at?

We do not know whether the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore last year helped the Baptist cause in that city, as some Baptists hoped. But we do know that it opened the eyes of some of us to the need of a great, aggressive, continuous campaign of Baptist evangelism in that city. If there could be done in Baltimore something like what has been done in New Orleans in the past twenty years, there would be a fine chapter to be added to Baptist history.

Recently, according to the Biblical Recorder, a committee of the North Carolina legislature voted against allowing the people of the state to vote on a liquor referendum. The reason as stated by one of the liquor supporters was that they knew the state would vote against liquor. We boast of being democrats, and talk in raucous tones of devotion to democracy, and then stab it when the chance comes. There are lots of people in America who in their inmost hearts have no love for democracy and some in the churches are afraid of it. There is much to be said on this subject.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I came, give attendance to reading — give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

CHARLESTON

Rev. E. H. McElroy having resigned to return to a Kentucky pastorate we had the privilege of supplying at Charleston. At the morning service we explained the EVERY FAMILY Plan and the church by UNANIMOUS vote adopted it. The Charleston church joins the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches.

Although pastorless the church is carrying on in a commendable way. Sunday School Superintendent W. W. Gunn has a well organized school. In fact, it is so well organized that the Men's class has had to seek quarters down town. Mrs. M. C. Hathorn is doing a good job as B. T. U. director. Mrs. Ned Rice is as good as president of the local W. M. U. as she is as state president. The Home Mission Week of Prayer offering has already gone to \$225 with more expected. Few churches will equal that record, members considered.

We are greatly indebted to Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett for doing much of the preparatory work which resulted in the adoption of the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Other State Board members are invited to go and do likewise.

Tallahatchie County now has subscribers listed as follows: Cascilla 4, CHARLESTON 105, Enid 1, Paynes 9, PHILIP 27, SUMNER 47, WEBB 30, Torrance 1, Tutwiler 4.

SIMMONS STILL IN FORM

When Dr. Bryan Simmons was a pastor he saw to it that his people got and read the Baptist Record. During the days of his connection with the state work he often brought in subscriptions. Now as he goes back into the pastorate he is following his former tactics (seeing that his people get and read the Record). Almost as soon as he was called as pastor at Perkinson he sent an EVERY FAMILY list from Perkinson. What brother Simmons has done others can do if—

WE LIKE OUR CONGRESSMAN'S REPLY

Mr. A. L. Goodrich
Circulation Manager
The Baptist Record
Jackson, Mississippi
Dear Mr. Goodrich:

I thank you for your letter of the 14th, relative to S 860. When this bill comes before the House, I assure you of my hearty support.

Sincerely yours,
Dan R. McGehee

(The bill referred to is the one to prohibit liquor in and around training camps.—A.L.G.)

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MAGEE

At the conference recently held at Magee we were well fed by Lavon's Cafe and then well treated financially by the manager. Pastor G. O. Parker had prepared the way for the meeting and a good time was had by all. The guests were interested and asked many questions showing their sympathy with the work.

Simpson County now has subscribers listed as follows: Bethlehem 12, BRAXTON 43, PINOLA 46 D'Lo 1, Kennedy Springs 10, MAGEE 87, MENDENHALL 63, R. F. D. Mendenhall 4, Pine Grove 3, Pleasant Hill 5, Sanatorium 1, Shivers 6, STRONG RIVER 32.

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MERIDIAN

Rev. W. B. Abel and some of his good ladies of Poplar Springs Church prepared a supper fit for a king. The occasion of the supper was one of the nineteen conferences held jointly by the Baptist Record and the Relief and Annuity Board. Pastor Abel had cooperated in a most helpful

way to insure a good crowd. Many recent improvements at Poplar Springs Church have added greatly to the looks as well as the usefulness of the church.

Lauderdale County now has Record readers listed as follows: Bailey 2, BETHANY 36, Collinsville 3, FELLOWSHIP 31, GOODWATER 14, Kewanee 3, MARION 25, Meehan 1, Eighth Ave. 4, FORTY-FIRST AVENUE 53, Poplar Springs 3, Southside 3, FIRST 432, Highland 21, Fifteenth Avenue 30, MIDWAY 23, Macedonia 1, MOUNT HOPE 10, NEW HOPE 38, RUSSELL 23, Toombs 3, UNION 29, Mt. Vernon 1, Oak Grove 67.

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THE GOAL OF CHURCH MUSIC

Ernest O. Sellers

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That all men want music when they go to church none will deny. Advertise a special musical program and a goodly congregation is easily assembled.

Many take pride in saying that their church has the best music, the finest pipe organ, or the best outstanding choir or soloist. "Only the best is good enough for our church."

Some church musicians seem to look upon their duties as a profession. By their actions they appear to be unconscious of the spiritual significance that players or singers are ministers of the holy things. Church music should glorify the name of God, His character, and His wondrous works.

Church musicians should edify, and strengthen their fellow-Christians. Possessing superior talents, or even ordinary gifts, they ought to up-build faith, hope, love and worship.

Heaven should come nearer and the world with its cares be more remote as they uplift hearts. Comfort in Christ, souls be won, and Christian service inspired because of the music presented.

Music in lofty cathedral, village church or rural chapel is a ministry. Excuses for poor programs, —or lack of program,—are futile. Make good, make the best of the resources at hand. Banish the inferiority complex. The sure way to better equipment is to make the most of that in hand.

No musical program should be limited to the choir, organist, and solo singers. Congregations are not simply to be sung at, preached to and prayed for. Of course have choirs—all kinds possible, mixed, men and women's, junior's and children's, but never forget, neglect or overlook the congregation.

The importance of congregational singing, the need of general participation, the sublime purpose of praise, if kept before the people will soon bring about a devoutly to be desired improvement.

Have enough hymnals. Have organists play at proper tempo; see that the choir is fully recruited and is honestly trained; avoid detracting influences, and work hard. The results will be decidedly worthwhile.

—The Baptist Bible Institute

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The next meeting of the World Sunday School Association is scheduled for Mexico City, July 16-20.

There are said to be between 2,000 and 4,000 Protestant and Catholic clergymen in concentration camps in Germany.

The church at Sterlington, La., has called Rev. L. V. Fortenberry, a former Louisiana pastor, recently at Everman, Texas.

People wishing facts about the effects of alcohol are advised to get Temperance Facts from Minnesota Temperance Movement, 204 Hodgson Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

The Watchman-Examiner proposes that the Northern and Southern Baptists hold a joint convention in Philadelphia in 1944, giving Dr. M. E. Dodd credit for originating the suggestion. That year will be the centennial of the last meeting in which Northern and Southern Baptists met together, and Philadelphia was the place of meeting. It might be possible for Northern and Southern Baptists to hold one or more joint sessions, but it would still be necessary for them to have their own separate meetings to attend to necessary business.

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS
Southern Baptist Convention
Birmingham, Alabama

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 14
Afternoon Session

2:00—Worship: Song, Scripture, Prayer—J. Mc
Kee Adams, Kentucky

(The music throughout the Convention will be
under the general direction of E. O. Sellers of
Louisiana.)

2:30—Report of Registration

2:35—Report of Committee on Order of Busi
ness—Jas. W. Merritt, Georgia, Chm.

2:40—Address of Welcome—J. R. Hobbs, Ala
bama; alternate, C. B. Miller, Alabama

Response—David M. Ramsey, S. Carolina
3:00—Address of President—W. W. Hamilton
Louisiana

3:30—Music

3:40—Recognition of Fraternal Messengers and
Visitors

4:00—Convention Sermon—J. Clyde Turner, N.
Carolina; alternate, Paul Weber, Missouri

4:40—Adjourn

Evening Session

7:30—Worship: Song, Scripture, Prayer—T. B.
Maston, Texas

7:50—Report of Foreign Mission Board—Char
les E. Maddry, Virginia, Executive Secty.

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THURSDAY, MAY 15

Morning Session

9:00—Worship: Song, Scripture, Prayer—Claud
Broach, Virginia

9:20—Reading of Journal

9:25—Miscellaneous Business

9:45—Report of Executive Committee:

Administration—Austin Crouch, Tennessee
(30 minutes)

Promotion—Cooperative Program and
100,000 Club—J. E. Dillard, Tennessee
(45 minutes)

11:00—Music

11:10—Report of Relief and Annuity Board—
Thos. J. Watts, Texas, Executive Secty.

11:45—Report of Committee on W. M. U. Work
—Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Missouri, Chm.

12:30—Adjourn

Afternoon Session

2:00—Worship: Song, Scripture, Prayer—E. C.
Colvin, South Carolina

2:20—American Bible Society—Francis C.
Stifler, New York.

2:30—Election of Officers

2:40—Report of Sunday School Board (Golden
Jubilee)—T. L. Holeomb, Tennessee, Executive
Secretary

"Fifty Fruitful Years"—Our Fellow Help
ers to the Truth

Messages from Southern Baptist Conven
tion Agencies and Institutions

4:40—Adjourn

Evening Session

7:30—Worship: Song, Scripture, Prayer—W. R.
Hamilton, Jr., Arkansas

7:50—Report of Sunday School Board (Golden
Jubilee)—Continued

Our Task Today and Tomorrow

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FRIDAY, MAY 16

Morning Session

9:00—Worship: Song, Scripture, Prayer—A. B.
Hawkes, Georgia

9:20—Reading of Journal

9:25—Miscellaneous Business

9:40—Report of Committee on Evangelism—
Roland Q. Leavell, Georgia, Chairman

10:10—Theological Education:

(1) Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—President L. R. Scarborough, Texas

(2) Baptist Bible Institute—President W.
W. Hamilton, Louisiana

(3) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—President John R. Sampey, Ky.

Address—L. R. Scarborough, Texas

(4) American Baptist Theological Semin

ary—Secretary E. P. Alldredge, Tennessee (15 minutes)

11:10—Music

11:20—Report of Committee on Negro Min
isterial Education—Ryland Knight, Georgia,
Chairman

11:35—Report of Education Commission—Chas.
D. Johnson, Texas, Chairman

11:50—Report of Hospital Commission—L. J.
Bristow, Louisiana, Secretary

12:05—Report of Committee on Radio—S. F.
Lowe, Georgia, Chairman; and of Special
Committee on Truett Radio Sermons—
Roland Q. Leavell, Georgia, Chairman

12:30—Adjourn

Afternoon Session

2:00—Worship: Song, Scripture, Prayer—C. E.
Autrey, Tennessee

2:20—Report of Committee on Boards—B. Locke
Davis, Missouri, Chairman

2:30—Report of Committee on Public Relations
—E. Hilton Jackson, D. C., Chairman

2:45—Report of Committee on Baptist Papers—
E. C. Routh, Oklahoma, Chairman; Report of
Baptist Papers Circulation Cam
paign—Louie D. Newton, Georgia, Chm.

3:30—Report of Committee on By-Law Change
—Chas. A. Jones, South Carolina, Chm.

3:40—Report of Committee on Time, Place and
Preacher

3:45—Music

3:50—Report of Committee on Baptist World
Emergency—Geo. W. Truett, Texas, Chm.

4:30—Adjourn

Evening Session

7:30—Worship: Song, Scripture, Prayer—John
E. Evans, Alabama

7:50—Report of Home Mission Board—J. B.
Lawrence, Georgia, Executive Secretary

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SATURDAY, MAY 17

Morning Session

9:00—Worship: Song, Scripture, Prayer—Carl
Campbell, Missouri

9:20—Reading of Journal

9:25—Miscellaneous Business

9:40—Report of Committee on Calendar of De
nominal Activities—T. L. Holeomb,
Tennessee, Chairman

9:50—Report of Committee on Baptist History
—W. O. Carver, Kentucky, Chairman

10:10—Report of Committee on Non-Resident
Members—Chas. F. Leek, Alabama, Chm.

10:25—Report of Committee on Co-ordination and
Correlation—M. E. Dodd, Louisiana, Chm.

10:35—Music

10:40—Report of Committee on Church Music and
Worship—J. M. Dawson, Texas, Chairman

10:55—Report of Committee on Resolutions

11:15—Memorials: P. C. Barton, Arkansas—Ad
dress by B. A. Pugh, Missouri

11:30—Report of Social Service Commission—A.
J. Barton, North Carolina, Chairman

12:30—Adjourn

Evening Session

7:30—Worship: Song, Scripture, Prayer—J. W.
Jelks, Florida

7:50—Special Items

8:00—Report of Baptist Brotherhood—Lawson
H. Cooke, Tennessee, General Secretary

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SUNDAY, MAY 18

Morning Session

9:30—Southwide Sunday School Workers in the
Sunday Schools of Birmingham

11:00—Morning sermons in the churches of Bir
mingham and Environs

Afternoon Session

2:30—Worship: Song, Scripture, Prayer—R.
Houston Smith, Louisiana

3:15—Sermon—Geo. W. Truett, Texas

Evening Session

7:00—Young People's Night, Sponsored by Bap
tist Training Union Department of the
Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.,
J. E. Lambdin, Tennessee, Secretary

1. Special Music by the Howard College
Gee Club

2. "Christian Youth Facing the World

**CONCERNING THE BIRMINGHAM
CONVENTION**

Austin Crouch

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Time and Place: The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will hold its fifty-third annual session in the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, Ala., May 12-14, 1941. The opening session will be held at 7:30 P. M., Monday, May 12; the closing session on Wednesday, May 14, until 1:00 P. M.

The Southern Baptist Convention will hold its eighty-sixth session in the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, Alabama, May 14-18, 1941. The opening session of the Convention will begin at 2:00 P. M., Wednesday, May 14.

Messengers: Article III of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention concerning messengers to the Convention is as follows:

"The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention on the basis of one messenger for every church contributing to the work of the Convention and one additional messenger for every \$250 actually paid to the work of the Convention during the calendar year preceding the annual meeting of the Convention, such messengers to be appointed to the Convention by the churches and certified by the churches to the Convention, provided no church shall be entitled to more than ten messengers."

Registration Cards: For the convenience of churches and messengers, the Executive Committee of the Convention has prepared Registration Cards for the certification by churches of messengers. These cards may be secured from the Secretary of your State Board.

Railroad Fares: The railroads have discontinued the granting of special, reduced rates for conventions. Low rates, for round trips, open to the public are on sale daily at all railroad ticket offices. These rates are lower than the 1 1/3 round-trip convention rates granted by the railroads some years ago. There are various types of low-rate tickets:

1. Tickets good in coaches only, with a 15-day limit in addition to the date of sale.

2. Tickets good in sleeping or parlor cars, upon payment of usual charge for space occupied with a 30-day limit.

3. Tickets good in sleeping or parlor cars upon payment of usual charge for space occupied, with a limit of six months.

4. Tickets good for diverse routes, going and coming, may be secured.

5. Round-trip coach tickets for parties, bearing a 10-day limit, may be secured at a low rate.

6. Tickets purchased by use of a Clergy Permit, in most cases, will be less than the general low-rate fares now in effect.

It will be well for messengers and visitors planning to attend either or both of the conventions to consult their local ticket agent in order to secure the type of transportation best suited to their individual or group needs.

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**Rev. Van Hardin, assistant pastor of First
Church, Greenwood, has accepted a call to the
church at Ackerman and begins his work there
April 1.**

A young officer in the army now training in Camp Blanding, Florida, Lt. W. H. Morris, writes of the Commanding General there as a fine Christian gentleman. He says that Gen. John C. Persons is one of the leading generals in the Army. "We respect him and admire him for his Christian qualifications. He does not like alcohol in any of its forms. I am proud to be under him, and he is clearing out the leaders who believe in the old army way of having fun. I have seen less drinking here than I ever saw in civilian life or any where else, even though the bars are open." Lieutenant Morris is one of our Mississippi College men among the boys in Florida.

"Crisis"—Harry Clark, Tennessee

3. Sermon—"Following the Living Christ"
—M. E. Dodd, Louisiana

9:15—Final Adjournment of Convention

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Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

"Go" Mt. 5:24; "Go" Mt. 10:6; "G" Mt. 11:4; "Go" Mt. 28:7; "Go" Mt. 28:29; "Go" Mk. 16:15; "Go" Lk. 9:10.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21; "Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" II Cor. 9:7.

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Drove 270 miles to be in three services in Tishomingo County. Responsive audiences at Forest Grove, Highland and Belmont. Pastor W. C. Hamilton ushered us around. He is loyal to work of Christ. Pastor Hughes, Perry and Evangelist E. D. Estes present in last service. They are also faithful. Questions asked about the work and tracts given out.

Three lost persons asked for prayer.

II

From three day services in Tishomingo County we drove 170 miles to begin revival at Drew. House filled. One by letter.

Good to have fellowship in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Spell. How fine they are! Loyal to all the work! Well prepared in the work.

Professor Barnes and entire school cooperative. Staunch deacons and other leaders loyal.

About thirty-five turned away from packed house Wednesday morning.

Rainy Saturday evening found well over 100 present with three for baptism.

Total additions—twenty-three—including four returning letters. Twelve for baptism.

Brother W. E. Farr, Cleveland, led the singing. He won the folks from the start.

Met many friends of other days.

Doxology!

III

Disbursements for February for All Southwide Causes follow:

	Current Mo.	Year to Date
Baptist Brotherhood of the South	\$ 800.89	\$ 2,233.18
Education Commission of S. B. C.	400.47	1,116.59
Southern Baptist Convention Bonds	6,410.51	17,868.61
Foreign Mission Board	95,239.38	306,444.99
Home Mission Board	22,123.29	59,791.34
Relief and Annuity Board	7,658.46	22,162.38
Sou. Baptist Hospitals	1,764.24	4,875.75
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	5,478.92	14,361.31
Southwestern Bapt. Theological Seminary	6,816.26	17,412.45
Baptist Bible Institute	4,648.38	12,445.16
W.M.U. (Training School and Designated)	433.12	1,196.56
American Baptist Theological Seminary	890.40	2,188.31
Totals	\$152,659.32	\$461,096.63

IV

We love deacons. We count on deacons for Christ. Our father is a deacon, now inactive due to infirmity. An older brother is a deacon.

They have been among our best friends and supporters.

The tragedy is many deacons know little of a real New Testament church program for Christ's work. The church has failed to instruct them. Only a few refuse instruction.

Below we list practical observations:

A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH AT WORK—

Acts 5:42

GROWING A CHURCH

Eph. 2:20-22

BUILDING HIS CHURCH

Matt. 16:18. I Cor. 3:9, 10. I Peter 2:4, 5.

Text: I Tim. 3:13. Lesson: I Tim. 3:8-13.

1
TO WHAT KIND OF A CHURCH DID THESE FIRST DEACONS BELONG? Acts 5:6. A waiting, praying, working, witnessing church—Acts 1-4.

A suffering church, 5:41.

A busy church, 5:42.

A church doing His work at proper places, 5:42, and, in right ways, 5:42.

A church with right message, 5:42.

A growing church, 6:1.

A church with problems, 6:1.

A church with alert leadership, 6:2.

A church with potential new leadership, 6:3.

A church with right emphasis, 6:4.

A church of great spiritual fruitage, 6:5-15.

Who is responsible for type leadership a church may have? Matt. 9:35-38.

2

WHAT KIND OF MEN WERE SELECTED?

—Acts 6, and 8.

Church attendants, 6:3

Honest report, 6:3. Clean hands.

Full of the Holy Ghost and Wisdom, 6:3.

Back of these: A laden cross-Calvary; an empty grave-Resurrection; a filled house-Pentecost.

Philip, Stephen. (Acts 21:8).

3

HOW GET SOUL WINNING DEACON LEADERSHIP?

Have soul winning church.

Church responsible for own membership, and, own leadership.

God offers to help.

Provide training.

Pray for, vs. criticize, laugh at.

4

PERSONAL SALVATION AND SALVATION OF OTHERS.

Know God's Plan of Salvation.

Conviction. Repentance. Faith. Acceptance.

Forgiveness. Cross. Blood. Assurance.

5

RIGHT ATTITUDE TOWARD HIS CHURCH.

Eph. 5:25-27.

Christ loves His church.

Christ identifies Himself with His church.

Christ makes His church the depository of His redemptive Gospel.

6

THE DEACON:

A growing Christian.

An informed Churchman.

A denominational Factor.

7

Duties: (organization)—

The care of the member of the Household of Faith.

The oversight of the door into the Church.

The charge of the door out of the Church.

The duty of caring for the general spiritual welfare of the household as a unit.

Counting the cost. Calling upon the sick. Visiting the troubled. Church finances. Greeting the strangers. Charge of Pulpit. Baptisms. The Lord's Supper. The Prayer Meeting. The poor fund. Prayer league. Pulpit Committee. The family Altar. Lay preachers. Evangelism. Stewardship. Prayer. Bible Reading. Service-working. Group Plan. Filling the Pews. The Deacons meeting. The Lay Chairman. Theology.

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The papers report that Dr. R. C. Campbell, Mission Secretary in Texas, has accepted a call to First Church, Columbia, S. C. He is a preacher of spiritual power, and will find a great pastorate congenial to him. Our people in Mississippi will remember him as one of the speakers in our State Evangelistic Conference a year ago.

A CLEAR DEFINITION OF CONSCIENCE NEEDED IN THESE TESTING DAYS

E. B. Hatcher, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

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"Oh no" you exclaim, "everybody knows what conscience is. They know that it is that something in us that tells us what is right and what is wrong."

May I be permitted to say that it does not seem to me to be the work of our conscience to decide between right and wrong. That is the work of our judgment, our reasoning faculty. With this faculty, or power of the mind, we decide that certain proposed actions will either break a law of God, or will accord with it.

"Where then does conscience come in?"

It acts after the judgment has reported and not before. It is an impulse, rather than a simple mental act. It is a feeling of obligation—a feeling that seems implanted in every being, that he ought to do what his Maker commands and not to do what He forbids. Men repress, or disregard, or violate that impulse.

"Nothing like that goes on in me. I know that war is unChristian and therefore wrong and my conscience tells me that."

"May I disagree with you. I think your judgment tells you that it is wrong and your conscience impels—not compels—you to avoid it, and it will also tend to punish you if you disregard its urge. It carries a whip."

"I don't believe Christians today in deciding as regards their individual duty, go through those two operations. I think when the question faces them they consider it and conscience says to some "right" and to others "wrong." Suppose our government should make another call for war registration at a two year earlier age and a Christian youth of that age asks you what he ought to do. What would you tell him—according to your theory?

I would tell him that Christ has laid down in the Bible certain laws and standards of conduct to which He expects His disciples to follow, and that his first task must be to acquaint himself fully with those teachings, and he must also study thoroughly what his enlistment in war would call for; and then he must lay, side by side, Christ's teachings and his own participation in war, making a thoroughly full and fair investigation to see if there is a conflict between the two, or an accord.

When his judgment reaches its decision, and declares it, his conscience then, with its mighty impulse, with whip ready for use if needed, will come into action and impel him. Everything depends upon whether the investigation was full and fair. He could feel his conscience by examining only one side.

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Dr. W. R. White, President of Hardin-Simmons University in Abeline, Texas, helped Pastor Luther J. Holcomb is a good meeting in Durant, Okla.

The Northwest Mississippi Pastors' Conference met March 11 at the Sardis Baptist Church with eighteen ministers attending and President A. T. Cinnamond of Senatobia presiding. The meeting, which was pronounced one of the most interesting held since the conference was organized, included a helpful devotional period led by Rev. James Riley of Olive Branch, a conference on sermon outlines conducted by Rev. J. A. Huffstatter of Independence and Rev. Walton E. Lee of Como and an unusually fine study of the Book of Acts, chapters 4, 5, and 6, by brethren E. L. Byrd of Holly Springs, William O. Beatty of Coldwater and Como and J. W. Lee of Batesville. The reports of work presented by the several pastors was also greatly enjoyed. Ministers present in addition to those on the program were brethren O. C. Chance of Crowder, J. L. Courson of Tyro, E. R. Henderson of Grenada, J. R. G. Hewlett of Charleston, E. C. Horton of Eudora, H. L. Martin of Senatobia, R. W. Medling of Slayden, J. B. Middleton of Sardis, host pastor, F. M. Purser of Oxford, Henry J. Rushing of Collierville, Tenn., and M. C. Whitten of Hernando. The conference will hold its next meeting April 15 at the Batesville church with Dr. J. W. Lee as host pastor.

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NOTICE

If you have not already done so, please send your name to MRS. W. F. COTTEN, McCOMB, MISS., Registration Chairman, if you expect to attend the W. M. U. Convention at McComb. Thank you!

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McColgan Hotel, McComb, gives the following rates for the Convention to those who desire Hotel accommodations:

Single Rooms.....	\$2.00
Double Rooms.....	\$2.50
Double Rooms, Twin Beds.....	\$3.50

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Article V of Constitution of Baptist W. M. U. of Mississippi reads as follows: REPRESENTATION.

"That annual Convention of B. W. M. U. shall be composed of the officers of the Union, the members of the Executive Board, Associational Superintendents, Young People's Leaders, the President of each W. M. S. and three additional representatives from each Y. W. A., and Leaders of G. A., R. A. and Sunbeam Bands."

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We are hoping associations will provide traveling expenses for their officers. We are especially interested in having the associational superintendents present Wednesday morning, April 2nd.

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We are suggesting that all the friends and members of Woman's Missionary Union, who find it impossible to attend the Convention, to set aside a special time each day during Convention to pray for the outpouring of His Spirit upon us.

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WE WELCOME YOU

With a great deal of joy, the W. M. U. of Pike County Association, looks forward to the coming of the State W. M. U. Convention. We heartily welcome you because of the

INSPIRATION of your numbers. Alone and tired, one may sometimes fall into Elijah's "I, only, am left" mood. But a host of consecrated women gathered in His Name, brings the joyous assurance that "they that be with us are more than they that be with them".

We welcome you because of your

IDEALS which are basic in our religious thinking: the inspiration of the Bible, the Incarnation of the Son of God, the atonement on Calvary, and Intercessory Prayer. (Ours too, is unwavering loyalty to our country.)

A sincere welcome to you because of the

INTENSITY of the hour. An hour in which our world is being consumed by hatred and fear. International and inter-racial justice are forgotten. In such an hour there is a fellowship among Christians, a joy abiding as the stars, a peace "which passeth understanding".

We extend to you a sincere, joyous welcome, into our homes and into our hearts.

Edna Watkins Hewitt,
Associational W.M.U. Superintendent,
Pike County Association

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We are truly happy that the W. M. U. Convention is to meet in our church—happy because of what the gathering together of this host of Christian women will mean to our church, our community and to each individual woman of our local W. M. S. who is a co-laborer with you in God's fields that are white already to harvest. I believe God now has a more definite place in His Kingdom for women than ever before, and for that reason we all need to meet together to work, to plan, to pray and to listen to Him, as He from on high directs our paths.



MRS. E. O. MURRELL
General Chairman

haps than any other thing that Christians ought to do, unless it is Soul Winning.

"Ye have not, because ye ask not. James 4:2.

"Ask of me and I shall give you the Heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Psa. 2:8.

In doing that kind of Personal Service we can pray for all the world. Miss Pearl Caldwell said; Chinese great need is; "Prayer for Help". Do we give our Prayer Help to our Missionaries? And to our Mission Fields in these days of sore distress?

Our World needs a revival of Prayer, the members of this Missionary Society need to pray for the Power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

We cannot win people to Christ without Prayer. Everywhere in His Word God calls His Children to the Prayer Life. When David Brainard had spent eight days in the heart of the Forest, praying that God would pour out his life upon the savages among whom he was laboring, he came forth to speak the Word of God. He did not know the language and had to speak through an interpreter. To his distress he found that this interpreter was intoxicated; and yet, through that drunken interpreter, the power of God was so poured out through His Anointed Servant that scores of those savages came to Jesus Christ under his ministry?

If we would be used to touch men with the power of God we must be much in the place of communion with God."

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A short time ago it was published abroad that George C. Stebbins, hymn writer, had died at a ripe old age. It now develops that it was all a mistake. He is much alive and has read many letters and telegrams of sympathy and condolence sent to the family.

Attention Charleston Baptists: Beginning this week you will receive the Baptist Record weekly. On Sunday, March 23 the Charleston Baptist Church unanimously adopted the Every Family plan of the Baptist Record. Read your Record weekly, for it will make you a better informed Baptist and informed Baptists are better than uninformed ones.

An effort is being made to change the constitution of the state of Texas so as to permit the state to furnish free text books to Catholic schools and other private or denominational controlled schools. The battle goes on against the original American principle of separation of church and state, with some legislators and others not knowing what it is all about.

We have often heard the remark of late that nobody knows whether his property will be worth fifty cents on the dollar six months from now. There is a way of making its value permanent: put it into the Lord's work. Make friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness that when it shall fail, they may receive you into the eternal habitations. There is a place where moth and rust do not corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal. What about the Now Club?

History is a hard thing to write, if you mean to be accurate. Recently the United States Baptist published in Washington, had an article by Dr. Rufus W. Weaver which discussed the causes of division among Southern and Northern Baptists. Now Dr. Reuben Alley of the Religious Herald says that Dr. Weaver is all wrong as to the facts in the case. If we remember correctly Dr. Weaver is chairman of a committee of the Southern Baptist Historic Society appointed to prepare a history of Southern Baptists. Will Dr. Paschal help us to keep straight?

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DOES REPENTANCE INCLUDE A CHANGE OF CONDUCT, OR IS IT ONLY A CHANGE OF MIND?

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Turning away from sin and turning to God would require considerable effort; and seeing that God commands all men every where to repent, then it logically follows that, if that is repentance, then God would be commanding men to put forth human effort, in the form of reformation to seek their way to Him.

Now, if that is what repentance is, then salvation is not wholly of grace. But since we know that salvation is wholly of grace, then we know that whatever constitutes repentance it is not any thing that requires human effort, human merit or human worth.

Repentance then does not, and can not, in the very nature of the case include a change of conduct, but is only a change of mind. The apostle Paul preached "repentance toward God," (Acts 20:21). He told the men of Athens how that God had in times past "winked at", or overlooked such ignorance, "but now" says he, "commandeth all men every where to repent." (Acts 17:30).

When John The Baptist commanded the Jews to repent they knew what he meant; they knew the Greek meaning of the word.

Those Jews that John was preaching to had a false conception of God. They thought that because they were literal descendants of Abraham that God was in some way under obligation to them; but John said to them: "Think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father: For I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." (Matt. 3:9). And that meant that they had no right to the kingdom of God by natural birth, but only by spiritual birth. And so, when the commanded them to repent, he was telling them that they must have a change of mind toward God. When Nicodemus came to the Lord Jesus, by night to enquire about God, the Lord did not command him to repent but told him in plain words what John the Baptist told the Jews in parable, Viz: That the way to enter into the Kingdom of God was by spiritual birth, not the natural birth,

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"The Children of Mississippi in the Wilderness"

All the adults of nearly two million children of Israel who fled from the bondage in Egypt died in the Wilderness and never entered the Promised Land, with the exception of one courageous pastor and two fearless laymen. The pastor was Eleazar, the priest; and the laymen were Caleb and Joshua—three men who, like William Carey, had faith in the promises of God.

Mississippi Baptists are now in a wilderness—in a wilderness of debt; but, unlike the children of Israel in the Wilderness when they were fleeing from bondage, the present generation of the Children of Mississippi expect to live to see the Promised Land—the Promised

Land of Freedom-from-Debt. That is why they are working to get out of the wilderness in three years, instead of seventeen years.

The pastors of the Children of Mississippi are as courageous as was Eleazar, and the laymen and women are as faithful and fearless as were Caleb and Joshua, when they said to the faint-hearted ones, "We are well able."

Now Club Associational meetings are being held almost daily from now until May 21. Fine meeting last Saturday afternoon in Hazlehurst for Copiah Association. Association Chairman Tillman and Chairwoman White had an excellent

attendance of pastors and church chairmen. The atmosphere was charged with a spirit of determination to succeed.

Good meeting Saturday morning in Jackson for Hinds County, Chairman M. P. L. Berry presiding and Chairwoman Mrs. J. P. Harrington speaking for women.

Church Chairmen, Chairwomen, Pastors and other church leaders, BE SURE TO ATTEND your Association meetings.

Pray unceasingly. Work industriously.

"Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer, except that which lies outside the will of God."

even though he was a literal descendant of Abraham.

Nicodemus was a master in Israel, but he had the wrong idea about God, and the things that the Lord Jesus told him produced in him a change of mind toward God, which was repentance.

When the Lord talked with the Samaritan woman at the well, He did not tell her to repent, but He told her things about God which, when she believed His words, produced repentance in her, and she went her way having repented toward God and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Lord Jesus—in His glorified body—appeared to Saul of Tarsus while he was on his way to Damascus, He did not say to him, "you must repent", but He said to him: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" And when Saul asked: "who art thou Lord", He said: "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." Then Saul saw that his mind toward God had been all wrong; and this occurrence produced in him a change of mind toward God. That was repentance. When Peter went up from Joppa to Caesarea in obedience to God's command, he did not command Cornelius to repent but he preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to them which produced repentance, and the result was that they believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and were filled with the Holy Spirit.

The best illustration of repentance that I know any thing about is found in the fifteenth chapter of Luke in the parable of the lost son. This young man had reached the limit in worldliness: and as he was feeding hogs he got to thinking about home, about his father; and then "he came to himself." What does that mean? It means that he changed his mind toward his father: and that was repentance.

When a lost person is inquiring about God do not tell him that he must turn away from his sins, for that will take his mind away from God, and cause him to think about himself; and just as long as a man

thinks that he must do something to help himself toward God, just that long that person will remain lost.

The thing to show a lost sinner is, "how that Christ died for Our sins according to the scriptures: and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures." If you want men to repent, preach the gospel to them.

J. E. Heath, Winona, Miss.

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IN REPLY TO "REAL RELIGION"

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To what extent is a Christian free from the Law? May we kill? Commit adultery? Covet? In Romans 7:4, Paul does say: "... ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ." Paul does not say, "Christians are become dead to the law of Moses through Christ."

Paul is not discussing the law of the Sabbath, but the law related to sin. The law relating to sin goes back to the day of Adam. It declares: "The soul that sinneth must die." The soul trusting Jesus cannot be condemned to die. In Christ we are free from the law of sin and death. Read Romans 8:2. Herein is the Christian free from the law.

The Sabbath as such is a Jewish institution. Our Sunday is not the Jewish Sabbath, but the Lord's Day. The Lord's Day (Sunday) includes the basic ideas of the Jewish Sabbath, and far more. The Sabbath was given that the Jew might rest and worship.

If closing regulations were removed and places of business and amusement opened, when would people rest? Picture shows, football and the such never create an atmosphere of worship. Those who holler themselves hoarse at a game would find it difficult to sing the songs of Zion.

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It would be difficult for the ordinary mind to shift from an illicit love affair shown on the screen, to the Love of God.

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Sunday School Lesson

PREPARED BY
BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for April 6 POWER PROMISED FOR PRESCRIBED PERFORMANCE

Acts 1:11

Introduction. We look in this lesson at the introduction to the second volume of the writings of Luke, and we find a rather unusual thing. Luke retells an incident in the beginning of this book that he has previously told in the closing words of the first (Luke 24:44-53), and this with a very slight variation. And the question at once is as to the difference. Here in the gospel is an account of the commission and the ascension. And here in the early verses of Acts is the same story retold. The story at the end of the gospel sets a capstone of completeness to the structure of the gospel: the story at the beginning of Acts lays upon the eternal rock the foundation of a new structure. The story at the end of the gospel is as the sun at eventide after a day of striving elements, a waxing violence with the wearing day, an afternoon of earthquake and tempest and thunder and hail and drenching rain, and then a lulling in the storm, a stealing eastward of the storm cloud, and the shining out of the sun, a myriad beams of light that seek out the rain drops on grass blade and leaf and rose-petal and touch them with glory due to the perfect one of a day of victory. The story at the beginning of Acts is as the light of the rising sun at the dawn of a glorious day.

We are conscious as we read these verses of the continuation of a story whose action has been for a brief space interrupted while the chief actor in the story has changed his base of action. Oh, to change the figure a bit, we are looking now at the second act of a drama of life in which the great actor changes a bit the stage properties and directs from a new angle. We are conscious again of a new responsibility upon the disciples of Jesus. He is no longer to be with them to lead them in person, a man whom they can see and touch, and whose voice they can hear. They are to act without Him now, witnesses, "Faithful unto death." We can realize in addition that these men whose actions we are now to study did not move in their own strength, that they performed the impossible because they were empowered by super-human strength. The Lord who left them promised that He would not leave them orphaned, and He has come back to them in the power of a Spirit of Victory.

1. A Prophecy of His Return. Vs. 10, 11.

He went away from them. They saw Him go. He went up into the glory-cloud of the presence of God. And they stood looking up in the direction in which He had departed. They had watched Him out of sight, and they stood still, gazing in the direction in which He had

gone. Presently two men clad in apparel spotless white were standing with them. Who saw those two men come into the circle of that company? I think no one did. They were there, but had not appeared there, but they had not before been visible to the physical eye. As in the case of these men, God's angel may many a time have stood by your side when you did not at all know he was there. These two men took on an appearance visible to the physical eye.

Now the amazed disciples heard, "This Jesus, was received up from you into heaven, shall so come as ye have beheld Him going into heaven." Then He is coming back! Do not you forget that. Live in the consolation of the knowledge of it, shape your conduct in accord with this great truth. In His own time, He shall come back, come in the clouds of heaven, accompanied by the holy angels. He shall come literally. He is here in the person of the Holy Spirit now, but He is coming back in person. His feet will stand again upon the earth. His voice will sound again in the atmosphere of earth. The sons and daughters of this world shall look upon His face again.

II. Waiting for the Promise of the Father. V. 12.

It was from somewhere on the Mount of Olives that Jesus our Lord went back to heaven, and the crest of that little peak is some 2,000 from the city gate.

Back into the city they went, and into an upper room, where they gathered and prayed and testified concerning the things they had seen. For ten days this meeting continued, other disciples resorting to the room in which the eleven seem to have been domiciled. There is a list of names of people who resorted to this meeting, and as one of that list stands the name of Mary, mother of Jesus.

I wish you would look at her (V. 14) as she kneels there, just an ordinary member of this ordinary company. Mary is not the recipient of homage from the other members of the group. She is not the Queen of Heaven, the dispenser of all grace, the mediator between man and her Son. She is just another good woman, standing in need of prayer, come to a position of saving trust in the Son of God. And here she fades from the picture. She is heard of no more.

III. Commission and Comfort. Vs. 4-8

I use the word "comfort" in the sense of strength, and that is what it means. These men whom the Lord left here to do His work, greater than He had done, could no more do that work in their own strength than he had been able to do His work in His human strength. I fear there is a terrible lack of knowledge of this truth in the Christian world today. I very much fear there is an absence of any sort of vital dependence upon the power of the Holy Spirit among Christian people now. But the Lord commanded His own to try to do nothing, attempt no work, for Him, till He had sent the power of the Holy Spirit upon them. It was in this power that they were to attempt the work He left them, that they were to

make Him known through all borders.

His commission to them we have seen before. They were to witness for Him. Now, a witness is necessary to witnessing. A witness is someone who knows something of the cause at issue, and no man can give any other than a perjured witness even, for Christ, unless the witness knows something firsthand. Then, a witness is one who testifies to the truth of what he knows. A look at the written accounts of what these disciples did at the first will show how very nearly this was all they did. They knew what prophecies related to Him, and that His life before them had fulfilled these prophecies. They knew what, in the fulfillment of these prophecies, He had done for them. To these things they were to witness everywhere. They were to begin at home and go to the ends of the earth from there.

If we are to witness for Jesus, if we know anything of Him, if we have yielded ourselves to the inflow of His Spirit so that we can witness for Him, where shall we begin? "Oh, there is nowhere for me to witness. If I could go, but, of course, I can't go." That is a refuge of lies. You not only can go, but you must. "But I have no money to give." The Lord said nothing of your money, but He did say something about you, and what He said was that you should go. Anywhere within the borders of the great state in which this paper is published, there are people a-plenty who need your testimony for Jesus. Give that testimony to them. Do not wait to get to Africa, go tell the negro men and women who dwell about you what the Lord has done for your soul. When you get to doing this, the Lord will open ways for you to reach the other side of the world.

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THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS

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The following letter was received from brother J. L. Williams, Meridian, Route 1.

"Our Sunday school literature teaches that Jesus was buried on Friday evening and rose Sunday morning. But Jesus taught (Matt. 12:40) that He would be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. We can not get three days and three nights from Friday evening till Sunday morning.

My adult class wants me to reconcile those two teachings. Tell me what to say to them. Some folks say, "Well, what's the difference?" I say let Jesus be true if all men are liars!

Who is right, Jesus or the authors of our Sunday school books? I would like for you to explain this through the Record. Will you?

—Yours in Christ, J. L. Williams,
Meridian, Route 1."

This question comes up whenever we study the Sunday school lesson about the resurrection of Jesus, and will probably continue to do so to the end of time. At least we have no hope of settling it by anything which we can say here.

But we are asked for an opinion, and give it for whatever anybody may think it is worth. Good men

differ as to the question of how long Jesus stayed in the grave. And some get very much wrought up over it, believing it to be a very vital matter, while others do not think it is a matter of any great importance. I am among these latter, for I do not see how it can be of any special concern.

If it were a question of the word of Jesus against the word of man, of course there is only one course to follow. But it is not a question between Jesus and any man, but as to what Jesus meant when he spoke of the length of time he would remain in the grave.

Jesus spoke of this on several occasions, and He did not use the same words on all occasions, though of course He meant the same thing. On one occasion he said (Mt. 12:40) "As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea-monster; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Again Jesus said, Mt. 16:21, "From that time Jesus began to show unto His disciples that He must go unto Jerusalem and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed, and on the third day be raised up." See also Mt. 17:23 and Luke 18:33 and 24:7, 46; 9:22; 20:19; 19:31 and so forth. Many more times he spoke of being raised the third day than of staying in the grave three days. Now one of these must be accepted and the other in some way reconciled to it. That is for each one to work out according to the best light given him. It cannot be on the third day, and after three days, if we are to take the words literally.

The common and best way of reconciling the two statements is to remember that the Jews were in the habit of speaking popularly of any part of a day as a day. Jesus was in the tomb a part of Friday, all of Saturday and a part of Sunday. And He was raised from the dead on the third day. There are good people who have figured it out that Jesus was crucified Wednesday and remained in the grave until Saturday evening after sunset. They may be right, but they do not make it clear to all.

Let no one believe that the writers of our Sunday school lessons are putting their opinion against the word of the Lord Jesus. They, like the rest of us are seeking to know what He said, and to know what His words really mean.

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Free Book

The Sunday School Board will for the remainder of 1941 give a free copy of Building A Standard Sunday School to any pastor who will agree to either teach it or have it taught in his church.

Order from the state Sunday school secretary, Box 530, Jackson, and the book will be sent out from the State Book Store.

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April

April is the month in the spring of the year for special stress on Sunday school training. How we do need to magnify that important part of our program. The results of every phase of a Sunday school are determined in large measure by this one point: Training.

How can we do unless we know? Of course, one may know and not do, but he cannot do if he does not know. Let's plan to train our people to be the very best.

Bible books are getting the emphasis this April. The Book We Teach, New Testament Studies, The Spade and The Scripture (volumes I and II), From Pentecost To Patmos, Outlines of Bible History, Studies in Ephesians, Studies in Romans. All these great books are in the course for Sunday school workers, with two of them diploma books.

Books may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson. All unused copies may be returned for credit. Plan now for a great training period in your church in April. If you will, make it an All-Church training week, using Bible books only. How we do need to teach our people all the Bible we possibly can.

Blanks for reporting training classes may be had by writing the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

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Vacation Bible Schools

Begin at once to plan for your Vacation Bible School. Get your principal, enlist the other workers, set the date, send in your order to the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, for your textbooks. All this should be done early.

The free literature for 1941 is now in and may be had upon request. This is the package of material that has many valuable helps for planning schools. Also in this package is the 1941 catalog and the 1941 order blank. Write us a card if you want a package. It's FREE.

More than 26,000 people were enrolled last year in Mississippi Vacation Bible schools. What an army of our boys and girls—together with their teachers—giving a few more hours in the summer time to the study of the things of God!

Brother pastor, brother superintendent, do not let this golden opportunity get by without a Vacation Bible school to give your boys and girls this little EXTRA in Bible

study. Plan early for it. Fix the date now.

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First Time On

The Sunday school at Shaw, W. C. Sledge, pastor, and Joe L. Purcell, superintendent, last week became standard for the first time in the history of the church. We are indeed glad to have that good school join our rapidly growing standard list, and especially so since it is their first time to get on.

Sincerest congratulations to all the officers and teachers in this fine achievement.

How about checking up on your school in this matter and see where you are. Many schools are almost "in" but have not checked on it.

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BAPTIST RADIO HOUR

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Dr. W. W. Hamilton will be the speaker on the network of the Baptist Hour next Sunday afternoon. It is fitting that the President of the Southern Baptist Convention should bring this closing message of the series. His subject will be, "Christ and the Life of Power."

We ought to say in this connection that all the addresses of the series will be published in book form by the Sunday School Board. It is hoped that the book will be off the press by May 15.

Thousands have heard every address of the series. We trust every such person will write in to the Baptist Hour, Atlanta, Georgia, informing us of this fact. This would be helpful as well as interesting information for the Radio Committee to have and use.

Now, this first series of the Baptist Hour is completed. What shall we do? What recommendations shall the Radio Committee make to the Birmingham Convention in May about Southwide broadcasts in the future? We hope you will write us and tell us what you think. Shall we recommend to the Convention that another series of Southwide broadcasts be attempted next year? If so, how long shall the series last? How shall the project be financed? Should we have several speakers or should we attempt to arrange for some one man to broadcast a whole series? Our Baptist people should face these questions and you will help the Radio Committee to write us a frank statement about this vitally important matter. Address your mail on this matter to S. F. Lowe, Chairman, Radio Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, 147 Hurt Street, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

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PHILADELPHIA

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Philadelphia First Baptist Church has witnessed a great evangelistic wave during the first three Sundays of this month, twenty-six persons having affiliated themselves with the church, fourteen of these having come on a profession of faith. All departments of the church have cooperated in this effort and with the splendid messages by the pastor, Reverend R. K. Corder, much has been accomplished.

The Sunday school, with Walker W. Jones, superintendent, has reached a high mark, with one Sunday showing 220, one hundred per cent

NOTED BAPTIST WORKER TO HATTIESBURG



Miss Mary Virginia Lee, Intermediate Sunday School secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will lead in a special association-wide Intermediate Sunday School Week for Hattiesburg and Lebanon Association, the week of April 6-11.

Miss Lee will teach her own book "Intermediate Sunday School Work" in a class held each night from 7:15-9:00, in the First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. Conferences will be held in the rural churches during the day.

For seventeen years an expert with Intermediate boys and girls Miss Lee brings to South Mississippi the richest experiences, sanest solutions to problems, and most practical suggestions obtainable. This is an opportunity the Sunday school hosts of this vicinity just can't miss.

—John A. Farmer.

pupils, and another 234, exclusive of the Extension department.

The Training Union, Mrs. E. S. Cole, director, has also held a like record in the work, with all groups showing good grades. Unusual programs have been given at the assembly period and the attendance has been near the top. Mrs. Cole has been selected to assist with the enlargement campaign in Chattanooga, Tenn., in September.

With Mrs. Earle Yates, president, the work of the W. M. U. is progressing nicely, the week of prayer programs having been recently observed.

Much interest is being manifested in the associational work which has been inaugurated and the first meeting held in February with the Coldwater Church, eight miles west of this city. Though the weather was inclement, six churches were represented with an attendance of more than forty. The next meeting will be held on April 1st at Pearl Valley, with the president, Jeffie Morehead in charge.

Permission has been granted by the authorities for work among the Choctaw Indians in Neshoba County and this will be started within a short time. The Indian field presents a great missionary opportunity and this county is the center, the hospital and agency being in this city.

—A. B. Mc.

CLARKE COLLEGE REVIVAL

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Clarke Memorial College held its student revival during the week of March 2 through 8. Evangelist B. W. (Barney) Walker did the preaching, and God seemed to pour out His Spirit anew upon brother Walker and the entire school. Brother Walker delivered his messages with such power and in such a way that Jesus was certainly made more real and

personal to each student and the many people who attended from Newton and vicinity. The group discussions which he led each afternoon helped answer many questions in the minds of some of the students. The students of Newton High School requested that he take charge of the noon-day prayer service there, a work started by Clarke College B. S. U.

The meeting seemed to come to a climax Thursday night, when the entire student body and teachers joined in a testimony meeting. Students and teachers are still talking about the wonderful manifestation of the Holy Spirit in this service. Several students surrendered their lives for definite Christian service during this meeting. This with the rededication of some and the thanksgivings that were expressed, brought joy to the entire school. There was one profession of faith during the meeting. The school is praying that the spirit that now exists on Clarke College campus will always remain the same, and they are praying that wherever brother Walker preaches that he will be led by God and the Holy Spirit, and have the same success that he had here.

L. C. Hoff, Reporter

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College Student (writing home): "Hey, cell mate, how do you spell financially?"

Roommate: "Financially, and there are two r's in embarrassed."

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The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear Children:

I want to call your attention to a suggestion made by one who calls herself our "big girl." It is something that I had wished that we might do sometime, and I'm so glad that one of you mentioned it. The idea is that we give Miss Lynn Fleming, our young lady at the Baptist Bible Institute, and Easter shower. I hope that you are as delighted with the idea, as I am, because even though we do send Miss Lynn a small amount each month, we never have done anything extra special for her. Now here is our chance! Easter Sunday is the thirteenth of April. If we sent our packages on the eighth or ninth, she'd have plenty of time to get them before the thirteenth. Anything that your big sister would like—or if you haven't a big sister, any young lady—would be appropriate. "Big girl" mentioned pretty collars, handkerchiefs, candies and cookies. I might add powder, perfume or other toilet articles. You will probably think of other things. So much the better. I hope many will want to share in this.

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele

P.S. If you wrote to the Circle and don't see your letter, you'll find it here next week.—F. L. S.

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Hello Everybody:

Here is one dollar for Miss Lynn from my Sunday eggs. My hens are going to lay a lot of eggs for her this year for she is doing so much good for our Lord.

Can you keep a secret?—"Cross my heart and hope to die if I tell her". Let's give Miss Lynn an Easter shower. All young ladies like things for their dresses, pretty neck fixings, handkerchiefs, and who is it that does not like candy and cookies? Wouldn't you like to see her open the packages of love?

I have a Bible that my afther had when he was in school in North Carolina in 1859-60. I took it through school with me and recently had it rebound. I read it every night, so put my name on the Bible Readers' League. Let us learn a verse every week and say it over and over every day. I had to do that in school and am so glad I did.

We have a new preacher and he is a good one, Rev. W. C. Whitten. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. I am in the T.E.L. class. I have such a good teacher. Our superintendent has been with us forty-five years.

Children, did you ever play the good morning game? Almost every morning of my life, when I open my eyes, I say, "Good morning, dear Father, I thank you for everything, —for our Savior, our loved ones, and a good warm fire to get up by, a good bed to sleep in, and everything good. Help me to be good to everybody today."

Once upon a time when I was younger than I am now, I went to Memphis on a visit. I had to get up before day, have breakfast, hitch Winnie or Dick to the buggy, drive four miles to the depot. The agent said "Good morning" and smiled. The conductor said, "Good morning" and smiled. The porter that took my valise or bag, we'd say now, did the same, as also did the gate master. I thought everybody surely was glad to see me come to town, then I looked up and saw this placard, "Every morning, say good morning with a smile". It made an impression on my young life. I never forgot and have passed it on a lot of times to others.

"Thanks for listening and good-bye, folks".

"Big Girl"

Thanks, Mrs. "Big Girl", not only for this gift of money, but for these ideas and suggestions which you send. I hope we may be able to carry them out. Especially right now would I like for us to concentrate on the shower which you mention.—F. L. S.

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Gloster, Miss., March 13, 1941.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am enclosing one dollar (\$1.00) from The Baptist Junior Department of the Gloster Sunday School. To be used for the Orphanage Building Fund. I enjoy reading the Children's Page.

Sincerely yours,
Mitchell Lavinghouze

Mitchell, we appreciate hearing from members of the department, besides being very grateful for this regular gift which comes every month. You boys and girls with the help of your officers and teachers are doing a very worth while work. Thank you every one.—F.L.S.

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235 Beacon Street,
Philadelphia, Miss.,
March 14, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele and Children's Circle:

This is my first time to write to you. I am a girl twelve years of age and in the seventh grade.

I would like very much to become a member of the Daily Bible Readers' League. I haven't missed reading my Bible daily in a long time. What must I do to become a member?

April the thirteenth and throughout the week the Training Union is having a study course on China. Miss Auris Pender, a missionary from China, will teach a book. We have already had motion pictures on our work in China.

I am enclosing fifty cents for the orphans.

With love,

Christine Cole.

How fortunate you are, Christine, to have a real missionary to China teach you about China! I'm know you'll have a large class for that. If you are now reading your Bible daily, you are eligible already for membership in the D. B. R. L. I'm going to add your name to our list of members, just requesting that you keep up what you have already started. Thank you graciously for this needed donation for the orphanage.—F. L. S.

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Delay, Miss., March 14, 1941.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

I have just started reading the Children's Circle. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My granddaddy from Arkansas visited us last week. He gave me twenty five cents. I am sending ten cents that I want you to give to the orphanage fund. I want to join the Daily Bible Readers' League. Won't you please send me a pamphlet so I can use that plan to read the Bible? I am nine years old and my birthday is New Year's day.

A new friend

Patsy Hardin.

Patsy, it's a great time when the grandfather visits you, isn't it? You were generous to share your quarter with the orphans. Thank you for that. The pamphlet will be coming. If you will promise to read the Bible daily, I'll gladly add your name immediately. Keeping up with your Sunday School daily Bible readings is an excellent way for a girl, not so big, to begin, if you should find the pamphlet a little difficult.—F. L. S.

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Route 2, Columbus, Miss.,
March 14, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am going to be baptized Sunday night, March sixteenth. I have writ-

ten once. Please send me a pamphlet. I also can read the Bible. I read Mark one morning. My brother reads Luke one morning. We both read a chapter each morning. I am seven years old. I made all A's on my report card. Mrs. Lavender is my teacher. Dr. J. D. Franks is going to baptize me.

Your little friend

Grace Elise Shuffield.

I hope you may have a long and useful Christian life, Elise. Your way of reading the Bible is just as good as the outline in the pamphlet, but I'm sending you a pamphlet so that you may see what it is like. Those A's on report are fine!—F.L.S.

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Brookhaven, Miss., Route 3
March 15, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Yesterday we had a holiday because of a teacher's meeting. I am sending the answers to Evelyn Sanning's questions. 1. Esther, 2. 22nd Psalm, 3. Lion, bulls, dogs, unicorn, worm, 4. To be saved. The answer to Joyce Austin's question is Makher-shalhashbaz found in Isaiah 8:1. The answer to Guess My Name is Saul. I would like to join the D. B. R. L. and read the Bible daily. I am sending ten cents for the orphans. My sister, Jo Ann is sending ten cents for the orphans too.

With love,

Shirley Stanley.

Shirley, I believe you will find the names of more animals in the 104th Psalm. We certainly thank you and Jo Ann for your gifts to the orphanage. Be sure you read the Bible every day and you are eligible for membership in the D. B. R. L. Write us that you have started, so I can add your name.—F. L. S.

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Carthage, Miss., March 14, 1941.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

I enjoyed reading the Children's Circle. I want to join. In Carthage Baptist Church we have many organizations, such as Royal Ambassadors, Sunbeams, and Girl's Auxiliary. I belong to the Girl's Auxiliary. I like it. Jimmy Lee is the president. Margaret Ann is the secretary. Sybil Horn is treasurer. My teacher's name is Miss K. Jordon. May pastor is Mr. Bragg.

Love,

Betty Jackson.

Most girls who have the chance to belong to a Girl's Auxiliary like it. I believe Betty. We welcome you as a circle member.

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Hickory Flat, Miss.,
March 16, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is the first time I have written to the Children's Circle. I want to join the Daily Bible Readers' League. Please send me a pamphlet so I can use that plan to read the Bible. I go to church and Sunday School every Sunday.

A new friend,

Imogene Gullick.

Imogene, probably you have already received the outline for Bible reading. I hope to hear soon that you are using it and reading your Bible daily.—F. L. S.

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Route 2, Columbus, Miss.,
March 14, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here I am again. The Taylor brothers have just conducted a good revival in our church. One hundred and ten are going to be baptized. There are forty by letter! I made the honor roll this month. I like to go to Sunday School every Sunday. I am helping my daddy today. I want a little pamphlet.

Joe Shuffield.

And we're glad you are here again, Joe. You had a great revival. Congratulations to our honor roll

student! The pamphlet will already have reached you when you read this, I hope.—F. L. S.

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Van Vleet, Miss., March 16, 1941.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am ten years old. This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I want to join the Daily Bible Readers' League, so would you please send me a pamphlet so I can begin soon. I enjoyed writing this letter and I hope it won't go in the trash. I am going to write again.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Jean Ashby.

Betty Jean, the pamphlet is on its way. I hope soon to hear that you are using it regularly, every day. If you should find it too much for you, why don't you just begin at the gospel of Matthew and read a chapter a day? That will be an excellent way to start.—F. L. S.

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Liberty, Miss., March 15, 1941.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl nine years old and in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Elizabeth Hood. She is very kind. I like her very much. I go to Sunday School and church every Sunday I can. My Sunday School teacher is Miss Anderson. I like her very much. Our pastor is Bro. Day. He is a good preacher. I read the Children's Circle every time we get the Baptist Record. I enjoy it very much.

I am enclosing ten cents to be used where it is needed most.

Your new friend

Wydell Butler.

We glad you like the Children's Circle, Wydell, and we certainly do thank you or your contribution which we shall use to swell the scholarship fund for Miss Lynn Fleming.—F.L.S.

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Oxford, Miss., March 14, 1941.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

If you have not received an answer to Joyce Austin's question, you will find it in Isaiah 8:1. The name is Ma-her-shal-al-hash-boz containing eighteen letters. I enjoy the Children's Circle, and I think it is doing a great work for the Master.

Sincerely your friend,

Mrs. J. S. Locke.

Thank you, Mrs. Locke, for your interest and encouragement. Joyce's eighteen letter word has roused attention.—F. L. S.

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Our Four Year Program began with the first of the year. The fact is it really began with the Training Union work in Mississippi the first of December as we had our first series of associational rallies the first week in December. We set it up as a four year program because at the close of the four years the Southern Baptist Convention will celebrate its 100th anniversary. In our meeting a year ago when we were planning for this four year program we set some goals, both educational and spiritual as well as goals for enlargement and expansion. We are listing here these educational and spiritual goals and we have asked the question in the caption—Will You Cooperate? We want the whole-hearted cooperation of all pastors, other leaders and members in making these goals a reality. Here they are:

1. To bring about a closer coordination of Evangelism and Training in our churches.

2. To lead all our churches to undertake Training Union work as a church task.

3. To inform the churches more thoroughly concerning the curriculum of the Training Union and its place in the Educational Program of a Baptist church.

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(2) The Training Union courses of study in the periodicals and text books.

(3) The Training Union plan for individual daily Bible readings and the daily prayer life.

(4) The distinctive methods and plans of Training Union.

4. To improve the quality of the Training Union work—

(1) Enlistment and development of a higher type of leadership.

(2) Through grading.

(3) Departmentalization.

You can see by these goals that we are aiming high, and that is our desire. We covet the best for our members. Jesus came to give life, and to give it in ABUNDANCE. The Training Union seeks to supply the means of the "Abundance."

Request for blanks for reporting study course work indicates that we are having a large number of our unions studying this month. How we wish it might be 100%. Every member needs to study these wonderful books we have in our study courses. If you have had a course this month and have not reported it, DO IT NOW.

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B. S. U.—MISS. SOUTHERN COLLEGE

March 12th finished the second quarter of our present session, but after all our B. S. U. work has made great progress. Our B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School attendance has been above the average. Our Mid-week Prayer Meeting is one of the best. We have a regular attendance of 125 to 150. Our Y. W. A. is doing good work. Bro. Moulder, our B. S. U. Secretary, and Spiritual coach is soon to teach a course in Mission to all of our Baptist Students sponsored by the Y. W. A. Our Life Service Band is doing good work not only on our campus but even out in the highways and hedges. The Band has made seven trips this quarter rendering programs in our high schools and churches. We have several invitations for the Spring quarter. We are proud of our Ministerial students and the work they are doing. They meet every Wednesday afternoon in Bro. Moulder's office for meditation and prayer. We enjoy very much the devotional program that our preacher boys bring us every afternoon at 4:15 over WFOR radio station here in Hattiesburg.

Our records show that more students are reading good books from our B. S. U. library than ever before. We have had three conversions on our campus this quarter and one young man has surrendered to preach but has not been licensed. Bro. Moulder has been going here and there speaking in these open forums. His subject is: "How Can We Build a Stronger Physical and Moral Defense Program in the United States." He has been invited to deliver this message seven times in high schools and churches. We feel that he is accomplishing a great deal by delivering a message that is very much needed at the present time with the war clouds hovering all about us.

We had Vocational Emphasis Week on our campus January 12th through 19th. Bro. Moulder, put on file some good books on this subject in our college library. We had a number of good speakers on our campus that week. Many students said it was the most profitable week we have had on our campus in a long time.

To reach the climax of our winter quarters work we had our annual B. S. U. Banquet February 15th. There were approximately one hundred present. Dr. H. D. Pickens, Dr. Weathersby and Dr. R. A. McLe- more, faculty members; Dr. and Mrs. Rouse, Fifth Avenue Baptist Church; Rev. Wayne Todd, Thirty-eighth Avenue Baptist Church; Mr. and Mrs. Standifer, First Baptist Church; Mrs. E. C. Fischel, Main Street Baptist Church; Billie Watson, State B. S. U. President, Ellisville Junior College; William Ball, B. S. U. Secretary at Mississippi College, and three Mississippi College boys; Mrs. Walker Bogalusa, La. and two soldiers from Camp Shelby, Mississippi,

strong supporters of the B. S. U. attended the Banquet. Mrs. Walker and the two soldier boys furnished us plenty of good music. The Banquet was one of the best that we have had in the history of our B. S. U. work. It seemed that every one present had a good time and went away happy.

We are looking forward to do greater things during our Spring Quarter which begins March 17th.

Annie Kate Rollin,
B. S. U. Reporter.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

(Continued from page 12)

Collins, Miss., R. 3,
March 17, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I have never written to the Children's Circle but I enjoy reading it. I am a junior girl of eleven years. My birthday is the twelfth of May. I attend Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. regularly. It would not seem like Sunday if I could not go to church. The answer to Joyce Austin's question is found in Isaiah 8:1 and the answers to Evelyn Sansing's questions are: 1. The book of Esther; 2. Psalms 104; 3. Ass, conies, lions, goats, and cattle and even the beast of the forest, also fowls, birds, and stork are mentioned. 4. Because the Bible is God's word and a guide for our lives. It tells about Jesus who died for our sins and intercedes for us.

Enclosed is five cents for our B. B. I. girl. I hope some day to go to college myself.

A new friend,
Patsy Bryant.

Patsy, you certainly did some first class answering of questions. You ought to have an A+ for that. Maybe after you finish college you can go to the B. B. I. or to our W. M. U. Training School. Thank you for the help on our scholarship.—F. L. S.

Pinola, Miss., March 17, 1941.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

We are members of the card class at Strong River Sunday School. The pastor of our church is Mr. Guy A. Little. He preaches the third Sunday at Strong River church. Enclosed you will find 25 cents to be sent to the Baptist Orphanage. We consider our pastor's children as honorary members of our class since they can't be with us every Sunday.

May we join the Children's Circle? Here are our names: Garnett G. Bishop, S. B. Bishop, Connie May Lee, J. W. Lee, Trevis Lee, Whitty Lee, Carol Moore, Helen Jewel Moore, Nancy Morris, Mary Joe Williams, Mary Lois Lee and Joyce Little, Max Little, Shelton Little, honorary members.

What a fine bunch of boys and girls to welcome into our circle all at once! We thank you, too, for sending this gift to our children at the orphanage. It's a great thing to help some one, isn't it?—F. L. S.

Box 207, New Albany, Miss.,
March 13, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here I am again and I am sorry that I waited so long to write. I read the Bible every day as directed in our B. T. U. I would like to answer Joyce Austin's question. The word found in Isaiah that has eighteen letters is Mahershahlahashbaz. It is found in the eighth chapter, first verse Isaiah.

Your friend,
Lois Callicutt.

Lois, Joyce's question set lots of folks to hunting for that long name. And they found it, you among the first.—F. L. S.

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10:30—Music—Rev. H. H. Ward,
Directing

10:45—Devotional

10:55—Announcements

11:00—Message—Dr. P. I. Lipssey

12:00—Adjournment for lunch and fellowship

1:15—Song and Praise Service—H. H. Ward

1:30—Devotional—R. C. Holcomb

1:40—Miscellaneous Business

2:00—"The NOW CLUB" presented by H. C. Hemphill

2:15—Inspirational Message—Dr. W. E. Green

3:00—Adjournment

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LELAND

The Leland Baptist Church held a most successful training school during the week of March 10-14. The following classes were taught:

"Up From Zero"—Mrs. J. H. Ware, Tupelo, Miss.

"Investments in Christian Living"—Josephine Harris, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

"Not Your Own"—Dr. James B. Leavell.

"Trail-Makers in Other Lands"—Margaret Harris.

"Little Black Sunday"—Capitola Dean and Estelle Rogers.

Each evening during the inspirational hour, Mrs. Ware, who is a missionary from China, gave an interesting missionary address.

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The Inevitable Conflict Between Good and Evil

TEXT, MATT. 10:34

Message of Pastor D. A. Hogan, Purvis, Miss. The Congregation requested publication.

This text gives to us a rather striking and strange statement from our Lord. When He was born in Bethlehem, a heavenly messenger came to proclaim him to the shepherds, and an angelic choir came to sing of Him and said "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will unto men". Luke 2:14. Now that this babe has grown to manhood and entered upon His earthly ministry, we find Him making the statement of our text: "I came not to bring peace on earth but a sword." What did He mean? We do not think he meant that all the world would be at peace, but that the individuals who repent of sin and exercise faith in Him, and are regenerated, will have in their hearts an abiding peace, and joy. Such an one will also have a desire to put into practice His teachings, and to do His will. Thus there would continue in the world the conflict between good and evil, in fact this conflict would be intensified in homes, in communities, and even around the nations. Let us look into the past for a verification of this principle.

The first two sons of Adam brought their offerings to God: Abel, the firstlings of his flock; Cain, the first fruits of his soil. Abel's offering was accepted, Cain's was rejected. Cain rose up and slew Abel, his brother, and thus we see in the very beginning of history something of the result of this conflict.

We see something of this same thing in the rise and fall of the nations of the past. There is disagreement among historians, as to which of the ancient civilizations is the older, the Egyptian or the Babylonian.

Regardless of which is the older, each of these made a definite contribution to future generations. From the Egyptians, we have our present year of 365 1/4 days. From the Babylonians, the sundial and waterclock, an excellent system of weights, and measures based on the length of the hand and foot. They also gave us the signs of the zodiac in our almanacs, the symbols of our "Apothecaries table", still used by physicians. These are not all, but one or two of the things we enjoy and use from these ancient civilizations. In Egypt are the pyramids and the great sphinx. In Babylon were the hanging gardens built by Nebuchadnezzar, and there has been found in the ruins of the City one of the greatest libraries of the ancient world. Because of weaknesses within, which are pictured to us in the fifth chapter of Daniel, in Belshazzars, infamous and iniquitous feast, the kingdom was given to the Medes and Persians. Much the same conditions brought also the fall of Egypt.

The next great world power was that of Greece. Under Phillip of Macedon, Greece began to emerge as a great power. At Marathon and at Salamis, the Greeks won for themselves eternal fame and saved their

civilization from destruction. Under Alexander the Great, the eastern and western worlds were united in the Graeco Oriental world. At the death of Alexander, his kingdom was divided up and soon fell apart. The fall of Greece was caused by four weaknesses. (1) It rested on slavery; (2) It was for males only; (3) The moral side fell far below the intellectual; (4) The modern method of finding out the secrets of nature by experiment was not used.

While the Greek empire was falling apart, another great power was rising farther to the west. It was known as Rome. Rome was the central city of Italy. It began as a village of shepherds and farmers. Through geographical advantages, more through genius in war, and most of all through power of organization, Rome grew step by step into the headship of Italy, and on into the control of all the civilized world. From Rome we have much of our law and system of government. Into a world ruled by Rome, and at peace, Jesus was born, and out of His teachings we have our text. The people of Rome built roads, built cities, and built up trade among the peoples of the earth. Literature and learning flourished and in three great centers of learning universities were established with vast libraries, and numerous professorships. The people of Rome were great lovers of sports, and great amphitheaters were built, and chariot races, foot races and other athletic events were enjoyed by the people. The glory of Rome is blackened for us by her persecution of the early Christians, but it has been truly said that "the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Church."

Three things were responsible for the downfall of Rome: (1) The moral decay of the peoples themselves; (2) The breaking down in the morale of the army; and (3) The constant pounding on her frontiers by the powerful and savage hordes of the North.

There came into the early Christian Church a strange and tragic mingling of the paganism of the savage peoples and the teachings of Christ, and growing up out of this is what is known today as the Roman Catholic Church. For centuries to be born was to be born into that system of religion. The Roman Catholic Church had control not only of religion, but of government. But finally there came the breaking of the power of the Pope.

The next great empire, and last, was that of Charlemagne, or Charles the Great. Charles the Great conquered most of what is now Europe, and moulded it together into a great empire. This new empire arose out of a union of the Papacy and the Frankish powers, and later was called the Holy Roman Empire. The limits of authority between the Church and the state were not very clearly defined, and this brought dissensions and troubles between them. In the early days of the Eighth Century there were four great forces contending for Western

Europe—the Greek Empire, the Saracens, the Franks and the Papacy. By the year 800, the first two had been excluded and the other fused into the revival of the Roman Empire. For several centuries, this empire was one of the most important. It saved the idea of unity and made for some progress.

It seems that out of the stress and strain, conflict and strife, the eternal struggle has come to us, the civilization we have today. No great world-conquering empire has arisen since the days of Charlemagne, but there are certain dictators today who would, if they could, enslave the peoples of the earth. Less than a generation ago, the Kaiser of Germany made such an attempt and failed. Today, an effort is being made by another in his stead, to do the same thing. Let us look at another picture.

There has been in all generations men who have tried to do right and to pursue the pathway of right and of peace. These, though they have desired peace, have not hesitated to take up arms in defense of their rights and freedom—God fearing people, out of the old world, who have never persecuted the people of any other country, who have always asked only to be let alone to enjoy their liberties according to the will of God. The King of England said on last Christmas morning in his broadcast: "We have set our feet on the pathway of peace and we shall not turn back." Of course, he meant that his country desires to guarantee to the peoples of the earth peace and freedom, joy and happiness.

Only God Himself knows what the future holds for the English and for us. It may hold for us another Bap-

tism of Blood. The scriptures clearly teach that the saints will ultimately triumph. Dan. 7:27; Isa. 2:11-4 and Isa. 9:6-7. Let us then, as His servants and representatives, be true to His word, true to our convictions, true to the principles of right. Let us not fail to do our best to see that the truth of our God shall prevail, and that right, and equity, and justice, shall not fail on this earth.

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PLEA TO GOD'S PREACHERS

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If you default naught can atone
To stop this crimson flow.
Not to war's bloody fields alone
Do heroes need to go.

Not generals nor dictators are
God's key men in His plan;
You are in His sight greater far
For the future good of man.

You have the message that can save
To you alone 'tis given
To break the shackles of the slave
And guide him free to heaven.

Pray God to give you insight true
Into this world's sad state,
Then show you what you ought to do
To stem the tides of hate!

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EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE—

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The subject of Dr. Lee's message which closed this session is "We are Ambassadors for Christ." The office of an Ambassador was magnified and then a number of the obstacles the Ambassador has to meet in our day were pointed out. Among these were a tendency to idolize science, widespread indifference to God's word. No weeping over the lost, widespread agnosticism and a tendency to omit Christian in the different realms. In an impassioned way some personal traits of the Ambassador were stressed: (1) He must be born again; (2) He must have a personal knowledge of Him who sends him out and has access to him; (3) He is God appointed; (4) He is God supported and God provided; (5) He belongs; (6) He is a God magnified rather than a man magnified; (7) He does not take his abuse from a foreign land as personal; (8) He must be loyal to Jesus.

Third Day—Afternoon Session

Added time was given to the song service of this session that brother McKinney might bring several request numbers which were greatly enjoyed.

Dr. Leavell turned the gathering into a special conference on "Co-operative Associational and City Evangelism" and many practical essentials in Evangelism in the two fields were discussed.

A tabulation as to the attendance from the associations was taken which showed that 50 out of the 70 associations in the state are represented in the conference. The survey showed further that a number of the associational evangelistic chairmen are present and organizations are already set up in some of these associations.

The final message of Bro. Gates on the Prophet Malachi was brought at this time. Previously "Seeing the Prophet" and "Hearing the Prophet" have been discussed and now "Heeding the Prophet" is the subject. Some of the sayings of the old Prophet were cited as recorded in his prophecy and impressed. The climax was an earnest appeal to the ministers to be faithful in presenting God's truth.

Third Day—Evening Session

Brother P. D. Bragg brought a soul stirring testimony message in the opening of this session following the song service and prayer by brother I. F. Metts. Brother Bragg related an experience had in South Carolina before coming to Mississippi which is a word of added proof of God's power to save.

The message of Dr. Hamilton was on "The Revival Which Satisfies." That which is offered in a revival and that which a revival is designed to bring, which is salvation through Jesus Christ, does satisfy declared Dr. Hamilton and a number of reasons were pointed out and discussed as to why this is true: (1) It is available to all mankind; (2) It is consistent with the best and highest that can be put into it; (3) It changes peoples heart; (4) The life is dedicated to God's service; (5) It grows dearer with the years; (6) It stands the tests that come to us.

The pastor of the host church at this time was given the opportunity to present the members of his committee which had looked so well after the entertainment of the Conference. These were duly recognized and hearty thanks were expressed by the conference in a unanimous rising vote.

The Hillman College quartette sang sweetly "I Know A Name."

The final message of Dr. R. G. Lee was on "The Tragedy of Pay-day Some Day." It was a graphic description of the taking of Naboth's vineyard by the wicked Ahab urged on by Jezebel his wife. In the picture drawn of the different steps in this hellish deed it was shown that conditions and the minds of men today are not different to those existing in days of old. In the last scene of the picture that was painted it was shown that a "pay-day" in the course of evil will surely come for "The wages of sin is death." The "pay-day" came to both Ahab and Jezebel and the concluding plea to the many young people present was to let sin alone.

Fourth Day

Morning and Last Session

The weather was rainy, the clouds lowering and the electric current off, leaving the meeting place quite dark but the folks present, seemingly with "light in the soul" judging from the way they followed brother McKinney as he led in singing "He Leadeth Me" and "Blessed Assurance."

The first period was allotted to brother McKinney for a conference on gospel music in a revival.

Four things are essential to a revival, the speaker declared: (1) Gospel preaching; (2) Earnest praying; (3) Gospel singing; (4) Personal work. The emphases in the message was of course on gospel singing and many practical suggestions were given by this man who is the most outstanding leader in church music among Southern Baptists. This conference was fortunate in having him to direct the music.

Dr. Geo. P. White brought an earnest practical message on "God's Way With His Church" closing with an urge to let the Holy Spirit have His way in the life.

In the message by Dr. Claud Bowen on "Receiving New Members" emphasis was placed on giving the new members something to do that they may feel their responsibility.

The final message of Dr. Hamilton was on the "Holy Spirit and Revival Power." It was a most helpful presentation of that which is most essential in all revival work, the yielding to the Holy Spirit for all that He had to give and the things which within us there is great lack.

The conference closed with a splendid message by Dr. R. Q. Leavell on "This Big Business of Evangelism." It was an interesting review of the work of this big business down the ages that has come with an ever rising tide and served to send the host of conferees out to give themselves anew to this big task.

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Tommy: "Dad, what is flattery?"
Dad: "Flattery, my son, is having somebody else tell us the nice things we have always thought about ourselves."

MRS. FRED GARDNER

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God in His wisdom has called the gentle spirit of our dear friend, Mrs. Fred Gardner, to her eternal reward.

Therefore be it resolved by the Dixon Baptist Church:

First: That we have lost a true friend and faithful member. She was ever faithful and loyal to her church and Lord.

Second: Our deepest sympathy be extended to her bereaved family but only God can comfort them in their great loss. This church acknowledges that our loss is His gain.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family and a copy to the Baptist Record.

—W. M. U. Dixon Baptist Church

Mrs. W. H. Germany

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of the devastating wars now raging in Europe, Africa and Asia, all mission boards in America are compelled to restudy and adjust their whole program and policy. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has been forced to reconsider and reshape its missionary program, for the duration of the conflicts between nations in both east and west. We here review briefly the adjustments necessitated by circumstances over which we have no control. We hope and sincerely believe that these hindrances are only temporary and that in the end they will "work out for the furtherance of the Gospel."

Our Japanese Mission

Last year was the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of Southern Baptist mission work in Japan. During those years the Lord has richly blessed our labors. Cooperating with our loyal Christian Japanese brethren and sisters, we have developed a splendid group of Baptist churches and institutions.

Now, under the stress of insane nationalism and war hysteria, we have been compelled to close our Mission and withdraw our missionaries. The Japanese Government, dominated by the unscrupulous military party, has forced down upon the churches of all denominations an organic church union. Rather than violate our conscience by compromising on these matters, we have felt it imperative that we withdraw from that field of missionary service.

Our New Mission in Hawaii

From Japan and the occupied areas of China we have transferred a number of our missionaries to Honolulu. We have eleven of our workers on these strategic mid-Pacific Islands, and soon others compelled to withdraw from the Far East will go to their new field of service. There are 400,000 Chinese in the Islands, and the new mission is growing rapidly.

Nigeria

The work in Africa is unhindered by the present world strife, but new missionaries are desperately needed. Some are being transferred to Nigeria from Japan and the occupied areas in China.

Latin America

Our missions in these Latin lands must be reinforced as rapidly as possible. We are transferring some missionaries who speak Russian and Japanese to work with Russians and Japanese colonies in Brazil and Argentina.

Europe and the Near East

The missionaries in Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Rumania have stayed with the work, even in the face of war and distress on every hand. Three missionaries have remained in Palestine, and God is richly blessing the work in Jerusalem, Nazareth and Haifa.

Free China

Beyond the Japanese lines is great free China, with approximately 200,000,000 Chinese, few of whom have ever heard the Gospel. Dr. Rankin, our Secretary for the Orient, is transferring many of our younger missionaries from the occupied areas of China into free China. Surely God is moving among the nations, and mighty and far-reaching changes are taking place throughout the whole world. We are in the midst of an appalling world revolution such as mankind has not seen in two thousand years. A new world will emerge out of the ruin and chaos of this dark night of despair. We must not relax one iota in our efforts to give the world the Gospel in this time of despair and uncertainty. We must go forward.

"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word."

"But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel."

RETURNING TO CHINA

(Foreign Mission Board)—Passage has been engaged for Rev. A. R. Gallimore to sail for China on April 4, and Dr. A. W. Yocom on April 18. Mr. Gallimore will go to Canton to assist Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes and Miss Lydia Greene in the great work they are doing there. Dr. Yocom expects to return to Pingtu.

We Are Going Forward —Cautiously

CHARLES E. MADDRY

Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board
By force of circumstances following in the wake

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED IN SHANGHAI

(Foreign Mission Board) — A new Baptist church was organized in Shanghai New Year's Day, 1941. This is the seventh Baptist church organized in the city. The new church, named Hwei Pen Tang, is located at Fah Hwo, a little town in the vicinity of Shanghai. For the past five years, the mission was operated as one of the five chapels under the supervision of the Old North Gate Church. Five years ago, in memory of his first wife, Deacon S. U. Zau, vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, built the church plant. Since 1935 Missionary Elizabeth Hale has been connected with the activities of this chapel, and the program has grown largely under her supervision and guidance. In view of the increasing number of converts in the locality and a hopeful future of enlarging usefulness, the Christians who worship in the chapel have recently felt the need of organizing into an independent church. The decision was reached shortly after consulting with the Old North Gate Baptist Church—their mother church.

Fifty-four letters were granted by the Old North Gate Church and one letter by the University Church, thus making a total of fifty-five charter members who have shown their loyalty and willingness to be united with this new organization. Pastor U. Ying Kwei of Soochow Station delivered the main address on behalf of the Council. Missionary J. H. Ware spoke on the duties and responsibilities of church deacons and officers. In the absence of Pastor Wu Gi Djung, general secretary of the Kiangsu Baptist Convention, Rev. W. B. Johnson spoke on behalf of the Convention, emphasizing the need for a Christian church to bear children as the Old North Gate Baptist Church had done. He expressed the feeling that many churches in China should follow the example of the Old North Gate Church in spreading the "Good News" to its vicinity and in helping to organize new preaching stations and churches. The service was closed by a benediction pronounced by Dr. R. T. Bryan, who has helped and participated in organizing all the seven churches in Shanghai except the Old North Gate Church, which was founded by Dr. Matthew T. Yates.

The church is to be congratulated upon having succeeded in securing Dr. R. T. Bryan and Pastor Wu Gi Djung as its honorary co-pastors. Mr. Chang Hu Gi, a junior at the University of Shanghai and an active member of the University Student Volunteer Band, will serve as the evangelist of the new church.

—Chwen Kiang Djang, Division of Religious Studies, University of Shanghai, China.

UNDAUNTED BY WAR-CLOUDS

(Foreign Mission Board)—Miss Ruby Daniel, head of the Woman's Training School in Budapest, Hungary, sends the following, gratifying report of the work in that needy field:

"After the fall term of school, I am very happy over the splendid work the girls are doing. Not only is their school work satisfactory, but they are showing much interest and rapid progress in their field work. Each Sunday they go to the various city churches and teach in the Sunday schools and help with the work of the young people and Woman's Missionary Society. In this way they are putting into practice the methods they are learning here in the school. Our Lottie Moon Offering at Christmas was about forty Pengoes, which is eight dollars. The collections in the Y. W. A. for the first two months of school went to buy material for little dresses for two babies at the Orphanage. The girls, with the help of Mrs.

ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK

(Foreign Mission Board)—For those who are inclined to dwell upon "the romance" of a missionary's life, the following extract from a recent letter from Miss Jessie Green will be enlightening.

"Three of us who had engaged chairs for the trip to our place of meeting were late getting started. My carriers had a little adjusting to do, so the other two chairs went ahead. Then one of the bamboo poles on my chair broke and dumped me out on the roadside, breaking my hot water bottle and my parasol. I picked myself up and sent the men home, thinking the other girls would wait for me at the first resting station; but they had gone on. I had been over this road only once and then I was half asleep. Soon I came to the place where all roads were new and just alike. I visited several villages in my wandering and then I remembered how we picked out landmarks on the mountains at home. I studied the mountains a while and picked out the place through which I thought I should pass and went straight to it regardless of all roads. I was walking fast but every few minutes I met some water buffaloes which caused me to stop and try to think up a way to get around them. Just after I started up the steep mountain trail I met a big one. I spent about one half hour trying to persuade that buffalo to let me pass. He moved to one side and began to eat grass, but as soon as I started to pass he stepped back to the center of the trail, and began to puff and grunt. Finally I went back to the nearest village and got some boys to come get him out of the way. I guess they are still laughing about that experience. They said the animal was more afraid than I was. I don't know about that however.

The walkers, including Mr. Rex Ray say the other two girls arrive in chairs and Mr. Ray decided to wait for me. After waiting a long time he started back to find me but he had walked only about one Chinese mile when he met me. The rest of the journey was uneventful.

A PROTEST

(Foreign Mission Board) — From Chile, our southern and needy neighbor, there has come a worthy and earnest appeal. It was written by one of the native pastors to Missionary R. Cecil Moore who has translated it and passed it on. This native pastor, his heart burdened for his fellow countrymen to whom none of the already over-burdened missionaries can give their time and help, writes:

"I have always protested, and will keep on protesting, about the way you missionary brethren have completely abandoned us in this central part of the country. . . . All the care is, either for Santiago and its surroundings, or Temuco and thereabout. If a missionary comes this way, he has to catch the next train. We can never have one of you for a series of revival meetings—or an institute, or anything of the sort. All this hurts us and makes us wonder if we are lepers or what!"

To the above translation, Mr. Moore adds:

"I think he is amply justified in his tirade, but, what can I do about it?" This is a question for Southern Baptists to answer and to answer worthily.

(Foreign Mission Board)—From the office of the treasurer comes the following gratifying statement:

Receipts for February, 1941

Cooperative Program	\$ 39,971.75
Designated Gifts	21,288.97
British Missions Relief Fund	1,238.33
China Relief Fund	1,128.49
Debt Account	2,890.17
Lottie Moon Xmas Offering	112,001.61
Miscellaneous Income	1,290.50
Total	\$179,809.82

Udvarnoki, bought the material and made the little articles in their sewing class."